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The Somerset Record Society.

THE Society has been formed for the purpose of seeking out, editing, and printing, such documents as bear upon the history of Somerset, and will aid the future historian of the County.

Our aim is:—

1. To publish at least one Volume per annum.
2. In the choice of records for publication, to keep in view the work of tracing the stream of County life, and the devolution of property from the earliest documentary period.
3. In the treatment of records, to present them in such form as will preserve the important parts of the original wording, and to give also such translation and annotation as will open their contents to the general reader, and spread an interest beyond the narrow range of experts.

The Subscription is £1 1*s.* per annum, payable on January 1st. The circulation of publications is limited to Subscribers.

The Hon. Secretary makes a Report to the Members at a General Meeting, to be held at the same time and place as the General Meeting of the Somerset Archæological Society.

At this Meeting the Officers for the ensuing year shall be appointed.

The Council, with power to add to the number, consists of The Right Rev. Bp Hobhouse; Messrs. F. H. Dickinson, Edward A. Freeman, E. Green, Rev. W. Hunt, and Rev. J. A. Bennett, Hon. Sec.; Treasurer, H. Badcock, Esq., of Messrs. Stuckey's Bank, Taunton.

In presenting to our Members together with this first Volume of our publications my Statement of Accounts and Report of Proceedings, I may be allowed to congratulate our Society upon its prospects, and since all the

preliminary correspondence has passed through my hands, to add my thanks to many kind friends for their general expressions of sympathy with our objects, as well as for suggestions, offers of clerical assistance, loan of MSS., &c., in addition to their subscriptions.

Volunteer labour is indeed essential to our project. We cannot expect to obtain by subscription sufficient funds to offer remuneration in any degree adequate to the skilled labour involved in preparing for the press and editing such materials as those we have to deal with. It was stated in our first circular, that we could not undertake any printing until we were assured of an income of at least £100 a year. As will be seen in the Balance Sheet, our income (exclusive of donations to a general fund) for the year 1886 was rather more than this, and we may fairly hope for a still larger increase of support now that we have entered upon the visibly productive period of our life.

We have been very fortunate in being able to present to our Subscribers as our first publication, Bp Hobhouse's edition of Bp Drokensford's Register. The earlier Episcopal Registers are full of information and illustrations of mediæval life, both ecclesiastical and civil. It is a mine of wealth which has hitherto been scarcely worked at all, and it is much to be hoped that we may by the kind assistance of friends be able to continue a series now so happily begun. For a description of these Registers I would refer to Bp Hobhouse's preface.

For the present year we propose to publish an account of all the Chantries of the County from the report made upon them at the time of their dissolution, together with their foundations. This, which is the work of Mr. E. Green, is now in the press.

We have also in preparation: "Kirkby's Quest," by Mr. F. H. Dickinson; the "Cartularies of Bruton Abbey and Montacute Priory," by Mr. J. Batten; the "Cartulary of the Hungerford Family"; and we look forward to the publication of "Pedes Finium," "Subsidy Rolls," "Cartularies and Custumaries of Bath and Glastonbury Abbeys," &c., &c.

As Secretary of the Society, I shall be glad to receive any information, suggestions, and offers of assistance, and also to admit new Members.

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Editor's Notes on the Register.

THIS Volume, the earliest now extant in the Diocesan Registry, is made up of various registers, irregularly kept, and bound up by a most ignorant hand, disregarding dates and subjects. The paging has been made subsequently to the binding, and intended as consecutive, though imperfect. Ancient quotations having been made from this paging, it must be retained. It rules the present calendar.

The Bp being always on the move, and *very* rarely at headquarters, had no central Registrar, perhaps no Registry Office. Entries of his various acts were made by chaplains in his retinue, and transcribed at leisure, or the original parchment *quaternus* sent up to Wells for custody. Ordination lists were certainly registered, for persons sought and got certificates from them (p. 162), but these have perished. Bp D., in 1310, had to recover his two predecessors' registers from their executors by threats (p. 38).

The same handwriting seldom prevails through many entries, nor the same form of entry: *e.g.*, in Institutions the Patron's name is sometimes entered, sometimes not. In the dates, sometimes the Roman Calendar is used for the days of the month, sometimes the civil; sometimes the regnal year, sometimes the Bp's consecration-year.

The rules followed in this Calendar are:—

1. To reduce the dates to our modern forms, where *close* accuracy is needed for understanding the entries.
2. To express the double year, *e.g.*, 1312–3, during January, February, to March 25, 1313, New Style.
3. To leave the original headings in original wording and spelling giving the modern name, if ascertainable, in the text; thus identifying the places concerned, without losing the ancient forms of name.

4. To avoid repetition. To this end, whatever names occur in the margin (which must therefore be read *first*) are referred to in the text by initials.

5. To express the important names and subject of each document in old English type by way of eye-catch to help search.

The following Abbreviations have been made:—

Litt. dim.	= Letters dimissory, *i.e.*, Bishop's writs, empowering the bearer to seek ordination from another Bishop.
Ind.	= Induction.
Inst.	= Institution or instituted.
Bp.	= The Bp of Bath and Wells of the day.
D. and C.	= Dean and Chapter of Wells.
R. D.	= Rural Deans—who are often called simply Deans or Deans of their Rural Deanery, or (more puzzling still) Deans of the benefice they happened to hold, *e.g.*, Dean of Yarlington.
Canon.	= Canon of Wells.
Cath.	= Cathedral of Wells, not Bath.
Pat.	= Patron.
Pr.	= Presbyter.
P.	= Parson.

The Appendix contains an explanation of terms, and some chronological helps.

The Editor must here express his regrets for the shortcomings of his work. During its progress the weakening of eyesight, and of other faculties, have often counselled him to give up an undertaking more fitted for the fifth than the eighth decade of life; but as the work could not be done save by a resident in Wells, he has persevered, but not without some retrenchment of labour. This retrenchment has been effected by omitting, after a certain date,[a] the Royal writs for collection of clerical subsidies, and the licenses for study; and further by curtailing annotations, which he intended to serve as helps to the future history of his native county, a history for which the Somerset Record Society is designed to gather material.

Whatever the omissions, he is able to warrant that he has read through every entry (as far as legible) of which he offers an abstract, and that the abstract presents the pith of the entry to the best of his judgment.

[a] These entries may perhaps contain a few crumbs of interest, but they must be few.

Editor's Notes on the Register.

He has now to tender his thanks to all who have aided the work: (1) To the zealous Secretary of the Society, Rev. J. A. BENNETT; (2) To the Rev. T. W. WEAVER, for his valued labour as compiler of the Index; (3) To Mr. HARRIS, the Diocesan Registrar, and to his Clerks, for their uniform courtesy and good will.

Lastly, he expresses his hope that someone may be stirred to the task of decyphering the remaining diocesan registers, in the service of the Society, and so revealing their contents for historical use.

In this hope he subjoins the following list:—

Bishop Ralph of Shrewsbury	1329–58,	423	Leaves.
„ Bowett	1401–9,	58	„
„ Bubwith	1409–24,	214	„
„ Stafford	1425–42,	204	„
„ Bekynton	1443–64,	500	„
„ Stillington ...	1464–91,	169	„

The next register, viz., Bp Fox's, has been transcribed, and is awaiting publication under the care of Mr. CHISHOLM BATTEN.

Preface.

THE aim of this publication is not biography, but the contribution to history of such facts as lie embedded in the 306 folios of Bp Drokensford's Register of his administrative acts.

The contents of his Register are however so fragmentary and unarranged, both in subject and in date, that it will be needful to present to the reader some few facts of the Bp's history and mode of life and administration, for the better understanding of the brief and detached entries which constitute the volume.

Bishop John took his name from Drokensford in South Hants, now called Droxford, the son probably of its squire. He rose to be, by what steps we know not, one of the Lawyer-Statesman class of Bishop, who commended themselves to the service of the Crown by their business habits, and had generally acquired wealth by legal practice or civil service, rewarded usually by lavish Crown preferment, before their elevation to the Episcopate. Their administrative character was moulded by their antecedents. They were business-like, forensic, keen for the exercise of coercive jurisdiction, and trusting more to that external power, than to the more patient methods which sway man through the conscience and affections. Our Bp shows all the tokens of his previous training; but they were balanced by a natural character which was evidenced in acts of kindly consideration and bounty, and in the candid retraction of hasty and harsh proceedings.

To come to what bears more closely upon his Register and its confused constituents, the Bp was always on the move.

Whilst employed about Court, he was chiefly at West Greenwich, Stockwell, or at his official house in the Strand. He was not enthroned till over a twelvemonth after his Consecration. It was four years before he felt settled enough to regulate his eleemosynary doles (see p. 161), which required local knowledge.

The list of his various abodes (see Appendix) will show what a moving life he led. At least sixteen official houses were kept in readiness for the occupation of a retinue. At all of these he did business, and dated documents every year; in this respect not differing from his mitred brethren, but he surpassed them in the number of his private residences, which were manors acquired during his civil service, either by gifts of wardship, or by other means open to a monied man. His dates show that he kept yearly residence on his manors in Hants and Surrey, and the attestations of the charters there executed show that his moving retinue was numerous.

His industry surmounted the difficulties of a restless and out-of-door life. He despatched an amazing amount of business. On each manor he exercised a personal oversight, and moreover kept in his own hand the threads of all correspondence, the carriers of which had to follow him from place to place. Wells was not used by him, or by any set of diocesan officers as headquarters, save that the Dean and Chapter furnished him skilled commissaries for his varied commissions. Bath was not a centre of diocesan action. There is no proof of the Bp residing there at all. Claverton and perhaps Bathampton afforded manor houses for his brief sojournings in that quarter. In his later years, after his court connexion was broken, Wyveliscombe was his favourite haunt. I subjoin in footnote[a] some facts illustrative of his life, and proceed to a sketch of the official system to which his register refers.

[a] Ann. 20 Ed. I, Aug. 20. The King delivered the Great Seal to John de Drokensford, Keeper of his Wardrobe, for *custody* till Aug. 23, when he directed him to deliver it to Adam de Osgodby, Master of Rolls.—*Lord Campbell*, "*Lives of Chancellors*," p. 181.

In 2 Ed. II, Dec. 25, *i.e.*, 1308, the Congè d'élire issued to the Chapters of Bath and Wells.
On Feb. 23, *i.e.*, 1309, the King's assent to Drokensford's election issued.
On May 15, 1309, the temporalities were restored.—*Patent Rolls.*
On Nov. 9, 1309, he was consecrated at Canterbury.
On St. Andrew's Day (or soon after), 1310, he was enthroned at Wells.

Lay Offices.

Warden of Wardrobe, Oct. 22, 1305.
Locum-tenens of Treasurer during his absence at Roman Court.—*Dugd. Chron.*, p. 34.
In 1313, May 13, during King's absence in France, Guardian of Kingdom.
In 1313, June, commissioned to open Parliament.—*Rymer's Fœdera.*

Ecclesiastical Offices.

(*All held at the time of his election, then vacated.*)

Chaplain of Pope.
Canon of Wells, Lichfield, Lincoln Cathedrals.

The Bp in relation to his Diocese and Officers.

His visiting staff consisted of the three Archdeacons of Wells, Bath, and Taunton, as now, save that the area visited by the Cathedral Clergy and by the Abbot of Glastonbury is now embraced in the ancient Archdeaconries. The Bp appointed the Archdeacons, and employed them or their officials (for much of their work was done by these deputies) largely in his varied commissions. The Archdeacon's Court had by this time acquired a substantive and original jurisdiction, wielded by its own judge (the official), but subject to appeal to the Bp, and to his suspension by inhibition—and also to his right specially reserved of exercising correction in cases coming to his cognizance whilst "in transitu" through the diocese.

Under the Archdeacons were the Deans of the 12 Deaneries, elected by the Incumbents (p. 286), and sworn at the Visitation Court to obedience to the Archdeacon. The Deans had power to cite all incumbents to their chapter, which was the only form of synod (save the Visitation Courts) cited by Bp D. It was used for inquiry into facts (corresponding to the Hundred-Court inquisitions in the civil system), for levying subsidies, including Peter-pence, for promulgating decrees and censures, and for other disciplinary purposes, but whether for consultation does not appear.

The Diocesan Synod is not mentioned. The Tenth of benefices levied for the canonization of Bp March (p. 273) was granted in Decanal chapters, and enforced on defaulters by Episcopal censures (p. 297).

The chief officer for the execution of coercive discipline was the **Official, *i.e.*, the Judge of the Consistory Court.** He was not called, as now, the Chancellor, or official principal, for he seems to have had no compeers. He was not, as now, Vicar-General. Bp D. did not employ such an officer. The Official was appointed, like the Bp's other officers, "durantebene placito." Though he had fixed "Law-days" in Wells, when the office of the Judge could be promoted by any member of the diocese, wills proved, or licences sued, most of the diocesan business was committed to him by a special commission, coupling him with other commissaries, and often requiring him to

Prebendary of Masham, Darlington, Auckland, Chester-le-street, Collegiate Churches in Yorkshire and Durham.

Rector of Drokensford, Hants; Hemingburgh and Stillingfleet, Yorks; and Balsham, Cambs. Some Prebends in Ireland (fol. 38) not vacated.

On June, 1314, The King was routed at Bannockburn.

The Earl of Lancaster rose to the control of the Kingdom.

On Sept. 21, 1327, the King was murdered after deposition.

report to Bp for further instructions, or for the Bp's own judicial action, which the Bp often exercised in person, sitting "pro tribunali," wherever he happened to be. In testamentary jurisdiction the Bp often overrode his official, proving wills or issuing orders to executors, from his manorial houses (pp. 98, 143, 147, 214), sometimes outside the diocese. He seems to have deemed himself competent to sit "pro tribunali" "judicialiter" anywhere, constituting a court (p. 132) out of his retinue, or by the presence of a Notary public,[a] and he did not forbear from matters belonging to the "forum civile," if invoked by consenting parties. These were arbitrations, probably held for convenience of the two parties, but nevertheless the entries are worded like the acts of a coercive Court, and the Bp obtained a coercive power by laying the parties under the bond of an oath (pp. 100, 132, 263).

Probably the remembrance of the ancient episcopal function of arbitration out of which so much of the episcopal jurisdiction had grown, had not yet faded away, and it was convenient to take advantage of the Bp's accessibility for settling disputes with small delay or cost. It will be remembered that most Bishops of the day had gone through a statesman's or a forensic training, and, moreover, had able men in their retinue, skilled in legal process.

The Apparitor-General was another officer of necessity for coercive jurisdiction. He was not only the general summoner or server of citations, but he was charged to find out the existence of intestate estates, and to take immediate steps for bringing them under the Bp's administration. His office was one of great risk and labour, and must have been largely effected by subordinates, though they are not mentioned.

I must here give a place to the **Commissaries**, for, though they were not standing officers, but created "ad hoc," they were a very effective part of diocesan machinery.

There must have been from twenty to thirty Commissions issued yearly. The persons employed were chiefly the Dean and Canons, then the Archdeacons, their Officials, and the Bp's Official, Rural Deans, and Incumbents; now and then a Prior.

The Commissions were all revocable, and often revoked and issued afresh with new names or new powers, implying that they were drawn hastily, and perhaps imposed upon persons who lacked either the will or the leisure for such service. The commission was often one of inquiry and report only, but quite as

[a] With such presence the proceedings were deemed public, and recorded as "sub manu publicâ" (pp. 35, 225), and were subject doubtless to appeal in the Courts above.

often it was judicial, and sometimes with the fullest judicial powers of hearing and determining, and also of execution of sentence. Commissaries were always armed with coercive power for the discharge of their commission, even if one of inquiry only. In all matters within the "jus ecclesiasticum" they seem to have been allowed by the lay courts to cite witnesses, and to put them on their oaths, though left to compel attendance by spiritual censures.[a]

The Chapters must here be mentioned in their relation to the Bp and Diocese, though having, like the convents, a life of their own. Of these two Chapters, that of Bath, consisting wholly of monks, had but a slight touching-point with diocesan movement. It had a voice in the Bp's election co-ordinate with that of Wells, and its consent, equally with that of Wells, was needful for the confirmation of certain Episcopal acts purporting to bind future Bps. The Prior had a privileged seat in Diocesan Synod. Beyond this the Priory touched the Diocese only as a Landowner, Patron, and impropriate Rector. It had no peculiar jurisdiction, the Bp being its Abbot.

The Wells Chapter had a much larger tie with the Diocese. The City and Suburbs of Wells, and nearly all prebendal parishes, were exempt from the ordinary jurisdiction of Bp and Archdeacon, and placed under the Dean or some Prebendary, or Ordinary, for visitation, for correction of clergy and laity, for probate of wills, and for marriage dispensations. The Dean had his Consistory Court, Registry, Official, Registrar and Apparitor.

Bp D. made a large use of the members of the Chapter as Commissaries, and a large use of his cathedral patronage for the support of those who had been or were useful to the Bp in the exercise of his jurisdiction. The Chapter seems to have served the Diocese chiefly by supporting able assistants to the Bp. It does not appear to have been used by him as a council, as in earlier times, except in matters of property, where the Chapter consent was required to validate an Episcopal act of alienation, or appropriation, or lifehold appointment. In such cases there is mention of long discussion ("tractatus") "with our chapters" but this I conceive was carried on chiefly by the applicants for the Bp's favour, who had to offer terms to the chapters for their consent.[b]

[a] *See* p. 286 for the Bp's dealings with the Rector of Marksbury, who had sued for a Prohibition from the King's Court to stay proceedings in the "forum ecclesiasticum."

[b] An insight into these proceedings is furnished on pp. 178, 179 in the cases of High Littleton and Twerton. In the Twerton case the Chapter had remonstrated with the Bp against yielding to the covetousness of Kington Nunnery in seeking the appropriation. That the Chapters were free to refuse confirmation of the Bp's acts is quite evident—*See* (*inter alia*) the Bp's reproof of the Priory of Bath for having been too easy in confirming alienations of Episcopal property.

Looking at the rarity of the Bp's visits to Wells, at the character of the statesmen-bishops of the day, and at the fact of there being two Chapters in this diocese of co-ordinate authority, and one being a body of monks disqualified by cloister life from attaining the needful experience, it seems highly unlikely that our Bp ever used his chapters as councils on matters of policy or government. Individual members of the Wells chapter (Dean Godley included, in spite of the Jurisdiction controversy) were much in his confidence; but the corporate attitude was often defiant, especially in his first visitation, and must have prohibited the mutual confidence needful for consultation.

The Dean and Canons seem to have acknowledged freely the Bp's right to use their services and their church in diocesan matters. He cited people to his consistory "in our church of Wells," and ordered documents to be registered "in the Treasury[a] of our church" (p. 180).

The Bath monks were not used—probably were not useful—for diocesan purposes. The whole Institution seems to have been languishing from the loss of its resident head, who was both Bp and Abbot. It resisted our Bp's first visitation, litigated with him over the appropriation of Bathampton Rectory, then made peace, and received from him an increase of revenue through the appropriation of the rectories of Bathwick (p. 179), Corston (p. 195), and St. Mary Stalls, with Lyncombe (p. 212), but there are continual evidences of the Bp's distrust of the administration of the Priory, *e.g.*, a grave and dignified rebuke of Prior Robert's wastefulness in 1321 (p. 193) (see also p. 196), and the frequent displacement of the Sacristan and other officers in the Bp's nomination. The Bp visited the Priory again in 1323 (p. 217), but no injunctions are recorded.

The Incumbents of parochial benefices were at this date very shortcoming in efficiency. This was owing to several causes.

1. The absence of any system of clerical training.
2. The sources of supply of recruits for the ministry.
3. The Patron's power to nominate clerks in first tonsure.
4. The Nepotism of Popes and Bishops, and their laxity in enforcing corrective canons.

[a] The references to the "Thesauraria," or strong room for custody of archives, vary in terms. I incline to think that there was only one for the diocese, and that in the Cathedral. Otho's Constitution No. 6 required the ordination lists to be preserved in the Bp's house, or in the *Cathedral.*

All these points are amply illustrated in this Register; *e.g.*, as to 1 and 2 :—

The Bp very frequently conferred the tonsure upon serfs on the day of their manumission. These men (or lads) were thus suddenly uplifted from the servile class, which had no means of education. They were no doubt selected by some patron as youths of promise, and the patron was morally obliged to find some education to fit them for Holy Orders. A few, we know, the most gifted, were helped to the universities, but this costly privilege must have been limited to a few. The majority must have picked up their knowledge by serving in minor orders under incumbents, and in the subordinate offices of the parish church.

The other source of supply was from the landed gentry, the families of patrons. These were nominated and instituted at any age if placed within the "Clerus" by tonsure, but the Bp had power over the youth as soon as instituted. He placed him under a tutor, who had also charge of the benefice as sequestrator, applying the funds to the education of the boy-rector, to the spiritual service of the flock, and to other demands.

A more common case was for the well born nominee to be instituted as an acolyte, or deacon, to ask for a license of study, renewable yearly, and so to postpone his admission to the priesthood and to the active service of his benefice. This Register proves[a] that some of these favoured men never qualified themselves for their duties.

The Church was not so much answerable for this negligence as her officers. By the 10th Legatine Constitution of Otho, 1237, every incumbent was sworn at admission to residence. The License of non-residence for study was limited to a year by Pope Boniface. A constitution "contra plurales" was issued by him against the shameless pluralities of the day (unless papally dispensed), and another entitled "Execrabilis," voiding the benefices of those who did not advance to the priesthood. These restraints were all enforced at times by our Bp, and all evaded by the over-kind uncle in favour of his own nephews. In the case of Ivo de Berkeley (p. 41), whom he collated an untonsured boy to a Wells canonry, he earned a severe reproof, worth reading, from Abp. Reynolds, for the uncanonical act of promoting a "puer merè laicus" (p. 49). He was ordered to institute a nominee of the Abp's, which he did; and then, to conciliate the powerful family of Berkeley, he granted to Ivo 20 mks. a year until beneficed (p. 50).

In 1323 he became alarmed at the abuses of his very numerous Licenses for Study. In a commission to his official he sets forth the evils in black colour,

[a] The case of Valletort, Rector of Charlynch, is one of these. (*See* p. 30 and *sæpe.*)

and requires him to examine the licensees as to their mode of life and attainments, revoking the licenses on proved abuse.

The Register shows that the licenses continued notwithstanding. There was consequently a large class of non-resident Incumbents. Their duties were fulfilled by deputies, "capellani," who were probably drawn from the lower ranks, and were ready to accept small remuneration, like the curates of pluralists fifty years ago. Our Bp took some pains to secure their efficiency. In his licenses of non-residence he sometimes required the deputy to be presented to him for examination before licensing him to the cure, or he put in some trustworthy man as lessee or "procurator" of the benefice, who could oversee all its interests, spiritual and temporal.

He must also have the credit of making inquiry (long since neglected) *before* institution into the character of the presentee. This was done through the R. D. Chapter, summoned for an "Inquisitio de Vacatione."

But on the whole, the parish clergy, incumbents and deputies, must have been very incompetent for the duties expected of them, specially for the highest, the guidance of the conscience through the Confessional, and the application of coercive discipline. I do not mention preaching, that not being expected.

The evidence of their unfitness is seen in the building up of a Penitentiary system by their side as a supplement. The reigning Pope, by the Bull "Super Cathedram," had sanctioned the appointment by the Diocesans of a limited number of Friars presented to them by the provincial head of each neighbouring order, and acting under the papal authority in preaching and receiving confessions independently of the parish priest, *i.e.*, of the confessor authorized by the Church (*see* pp. 9, 13 for introduction of the system of yearly licensing). The Pope also sanctioned the appointment by the Diocesans of penitentiary priests to act as confessors in each Deanery. In addition to these, Bp D. licensed temporary confessors within given areas, and also granted to some privileged families now and then the rights of choosing their own confessor. This privilege was strictly limited, and was probably sought on account of the insufficiency of the parish priest, or for some special knot of conscience.

There is one remarkable entry (p. 152), viz., an invitation through his special Penitentiary from the Bp to Priors and others, and to his leading laity, to consult him personally once a year on the state of their souls, and to receive his advice. It would have been pleasing to hear that this most fatherly relation ever was established, but looking at the area of the diocese, and the Bp's erratic habits, it is not surprising that nothing more is heard of it.

Parochial Subordinates.

Very little occurs touching deacons or subdeacons as assistants to the parish priest, but the office of parish clerk, under the name of "Beneficium aquæ benedictæ," is illustrated in the case of an unqualified one at Chedzoy (p. 13), whom the Bp. displaced, and replaced by a tonsured "literatus." The lay officers, churchwardens and sidesmen, are hardly noticed.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew claims a diocesan position. It was formed to raise funds for the Cathedral-fabric, like the Brotherhood of St. Chad in Lichfield. It gathered throughout the diocese whatever was paid of custom under the name of "cathedrale," or cathedraticum, or given of goodwill, or by bequest. It published the Bp's Indulgence to stimulate parishioners in their parish churches, and probably with banners and processions—and carried the year's collection to an audit at Wells, or paid it to a lessee who had agreed to advance a given sum to the Chapter.

The Bp in relation to the Monastic Bodies.

The Bp was responsible for the discipline of only some of these Houses, not of all.

The Cistercians, Cluniacs, Templars,[a] Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem, and Friars were all exempt from ordinary corrective jurisdiction. They were obliged to apply to the Bp for the spiritual offices of consecration and orders, and if any parochial cure was attached to the house, they were in that behalf visitable, but otherwise they were extra-diocesan. Not so the great Benedictine Houses, or Augustinians, or the Hospitals.

The Register shows (p. 153) that Bp D. commenced (1309–10) visitation of the Abbeys of Bath and Glastonbury, and that he found his inquiries baulked by a conspiracy of monks sworn to silence, which he met by annulling the oath and proroguing the visitation. He seems to have broken through this illegal bond, and in the case of Bath to have established his visitor's rights, but no regular inspection of the House at Glastonbury is recorded. He visited in 1313 the Churches of the Glastonbury Archidiaconal jurisdiction (see Visitation Schedule, p. 159), and granted a penitentiary license to the Abbot, and consecrated the

[a] This Society was dissolved by Pope Clement in 1312, and their property soon after transferred to the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem. Four of the surviving Knights of the Temple were quartered under Bp D.'s care in Somerset monasteries (p. 98) by way of penance, and maintained by the Sheriff out of the escheated revenues. One of them entered the Benedictine order (p. 137).

Church of Meare at his petition (p. 219). Nothing occurs to show that interference was needed by internal maladministration of the Great Abbey, as in all the other bodies.

Muchelney, Athelney, Worspring, Keynsham, Bruton, Stavordale, were all visited; the three former found in disorder; all were crying out for poverty, the fruit of mismanagement. In 1321 the Bp issued an appeal, with an Indulgence, for the ruinous fabric of Athelney (p. 189). For Taunton Priory a scheme of Vicarial endowment for the appendant cures was ratified. In the exempt Cluniac House of Montacute (p. 94), a runaway Monk was restored after discipline. Of the internal state of Barlynch nothing is heard, save its poverty (p. 177). The Nunneries of Barrow, Buckland, Cannington, Ilchester, demanded a vast deal of the Bp's attention, and the severest measures of correction.[a]

The alien priory of Stogursy was well nigh disbanded (p. 261). Under an incapable Frenchman as Prior, who had wasted the revenues, one Monk only abode faithful to his vows. The Bp required the Mother-House of Lonley, in Normandy, to recall the remainder, who were living loosely, and to send no more till he and the Patron, Sir Wm. Fitzpayne, had nursed the revenues.[b]

The Hospitals of St. John, at Wells, Bath, Bridgwater, Bristol, and that of St. Katherine, Bristol, came under the Bp's inspection.

The three first were reinforced by fresh endowments requiring the Bp's ratification. Bridgwater (p. 268), came under his lash for neglect of its original duties to wayfaring poor in favour of its newer functions, created by the benefactions of Bp Burnell. Bp B. designed to make it a house of education for the town; and also of chantry devotions. The scheme for educating the townsmen was a most advanced one. Thirteen poor scholars able to teach grammar were to be fed in the house, and to keep school in the town under a Rector of Schools, who was privileged to send seven of his mendicant pupils for daily pittances in the house. This teaching body must have been most ample for the needs of such a town.

It is not easy to make a fair estimate of the spiritual condition and influence of the Monasteries as a whole. The Bp being charged with corrective authority, his Register must needs be a record of the shortcomings and not of the welldoings of the subject bodies. Certainly the stream of

[a] The deplorable history of these houses being given in all fulness, with original documents, by Mr. Hugo, "Somerset Nunneries," there is no need to amplify here.

[b] The house never revived to efficiency. The wars of Ed. III cut it off, like the other alien priories, from the mother-house in Normandy. The revenues were during war with France escheated to the Crown, and finally conferred by Hen. VI on his College of Eton.

endowment had ceased to flow towards them, the augmentations of income accruing chiefly from rectorial appropriation which the Bps were over-ready to grant.

Besides the administration of corrective discipline, the Bp received the profession of obedience, and conferred benediction on the Abbots or Priors elect of the non-exempt houses, having previously examined the process of election, and the "persona electi," *i.e.*, his age, birth, and regularity of his orders, &c. After benediction it was his function to request the patron to restore the temporals.

Our Bp in the case of the disordered Nunneries did more than this. Waiving the patron's congé d'élire, he ordered new elections, and dispensed with some of the usual steps of election. This was also done in the case of one male convent, viz., Stavordale, expressly to spare the poverty of the house, presumably by patron's consent (p. 30).

I will now proceed to the general **state of discipline** in the diocese under our Bp.

Though much has been said above, much remains to be said of this function, for coercive discipline was one of the most busy functions of a mediæval Bp. It was regarded as the right arm of the spiritual kingdom, and extended to every soul of man and to every duty. Even conscientious obligations such as oblations and tithes, which earlier ages had deemed voluntary, were by the 14th century all deemed enforceable by spiritual censures. Our Bp was fully instinct with this ruling principle of the Church to leave nothing to the free play of conscience, but to define sharply all duties, and how, when, and where to be done. On this principle he imposed upon the people of Wellington and Chard (p. 91) the duty of making their offerings on the dedication day of their churches equal to their Christmas offerings, and when they were found slack in obedience, desired that the names of defaulters should be reported to him for correction.[a] Again at Wembdon, where a voluntary rate had been agreed to for repair of the Church, and imperfectly paid, the Bp ordered (p. 257) the Rural Dean to threaten proceedings against the defaulters.

Coercion was in fact the key of his administration. The cultivation of the conscience as the directing power of man's soul, the instruction of it in the Law

[a] This was followed up the next year (1316) by a mandate issued by him as Lord of the Manors of Wellington and Buckland to his tenants, bidding them make their offerings on dedication days, "as in the great mother church of Wells, and also the parish church," on pain of excommunication (p. 108).

of God, and the implanting of holy affections in the heart, seems to have been no part of the Church's system of guidance. There was no regular preaching; it was left to the friars on their rounds. There were no parish schools; parents were incompetent to teach at home. In Church all proceedings were in a strange tongue, save on a Saint's Day, when the history of a saint may have been rendered in English. The Confessional had its opportunities of teaching holy principles of conduct and checking vice, and in the hand of a holy pastor must have been a great occasion for instructing the conscience, an occasion which even the careless could not escape, but it was limited in practice to once a year, viz., to the preparation for the Easter Communion, and the numbers who then crowded to their priest's ear must have tended to make the office a hurried one. But in truth there were more serious limitations—

1. As we have seen, in the patent inadequacy of the ministering clergy.
2. By the system of indulgences, "ab injunctâ penitentiâ,"[a] *i.e.*, remissions earned *beforehand*, through contribution to a privileged object, of any penance enjoined by a confessor.
3. By the system of commuting penance for money, thus giving the confessor the means of making his sacred office gainful, and covering it with suspicions of covetousness.
4. By the choice of confessors, enabling each man to choose the most lax and venal.

These causes are all visible in this register, limiting the value in operation of the spiritual guidance of the laity through the confessional.

It must be remembered that besides this private guidance there was an active machinery for restraint of evildoers, and for bringing them to repentance, a machinery still surviving in form. The visitation of a parish was an inquiry into the morals, "tam populi quam cleri." Immorality of any sort, save crimes cognizable by King's Justices, was presentable at the visitation court (even down to a shepherd's hiding from the tithe-owner the birth of twin lambs), and penance assignable.

If a whole parish were in contumacy, refusing to obey the Bp's monition,

[a] *See* pp. 60 and 189 for our Bp's grants of indulgence, "ab injunctâ," issued in favour of his two Cathedral Fabrics, the Causeway from Poldon to Bridgwater (p. 259), &c. The value of such privilege to the holder would be that whatever discipline was enjoined by his confessor next Lent as the evidence of his penitence, he was free to treat it as done, up to the limit of the indulgence. This kind of privilege granted by Diocesans must be distinguished from remissions of pains in Purgatory granted by Papal authority, and sold by Papal agents.

e.g., to provide a cemetery, the whole flock could be debarred by interdict "ab ingressu ecclesiæ," or from all ordinances.

In case of a bloody brawl in the Church or precincts, the interdict always issued (*see* Martock case, p. 236, also pp. 232, 244–6), and could only be relaxed by invoking the Bp to execute his function of reconciliation, for which a special ritual existed in the Pontificale.[a]

Coercive discipline acting in these and like forms seems to have been acting effectively for its purpose of repression, but of course it was unable to touch the conscience or the affections. It does not seem to have provoked serious resistance anywhere, and was probably quite supported by public opinion.

The Visitation of the Clergy was lodged in the same officers as those who visited the laity, but it was marred—

1. By papal dispensations in the matters of age, pluralities, attainments.
2. By episcopal dispensations of residence, for study and for private appointments "obsequia" in noblemen's families, as chaplains, or for secular business.
3. By the mischievous privilege of Benefit of Clergy. The Bp, as guardian of this privilege, appears continually in this Register claiming by commissaries at every gaol-delivery held by the King's Justices at Somerton or Ilchester the bodies of any imprisoned Clerks. These men, sometimes after conviction by a jury, were transferred to the Bp's Gaol at Wells, not to be punished but to be purged. The commission issued to the Dean or certain Canons requiring them to proclaim a day of purgation, fixing the number of compurgators. On the appointed day, openly in the Cathedral, the accused avouched his innocence on oath, and if supported by the oaths of a "plena manus" of compurgators, he was sent out with a certificate of being restored to good fame. Failing the first purgation he was remanded for a second, at which he had to appear with compurgators of easier conscience (p. 189).

   The hand of justice was thus staid, and the clerical wrong-doer encouraged by the impunity which was thus provided for him. To measure the extent of the mischief, it will be needful to remember that every tonsured man was a Clerk, even if he had never fulfilled a single

[a] The function was an episcopal one, and was therefore included by absentee Bishops in commissions to their suffragans, that the inconvenience of delay might not be added to the other burdens. The cost, a heavy one, fell on the parish.

sacred duty. Some of those who were thus entitled to "Benefit of Clergy" were living in secular callings, and living discreditable lives.

Every diocesan register is full of warnings of the mischiefs of the system, but the privilege was valued by the class who were most injured by it, and the evil went on unchecked.

I will now proceed to the **Relations**, as seen in this Register, of the Bp towards (1) **The Pope**, (2) **The Crown**, (3) **The Archbishop**.

The Pope, John XXII, was at this time located at Avignon, a Frenchman in feelings and interest, immersed in European politics, into which he was fain to draw the English Bishops; witness his sentence against the Emperor Louis of Bavaria (officially registered p. 274); [see also pp. 1 and 186].

The Papal "Curia," still called "Romana," was held at Avignon, but was largely wielded by Italians, who, it will be seen, filled the English appointments as Nuncios, Penitentiaries, and Collectors, and were fastened on English Benefices by letters of "Provision." At the "Curia" it was necessary for every Clergyman who meant to rise to establish his credit. To get a proxy to represent some Ecclesiastical body was an object of ambition. To have a standing proctor in the Curia as well as in the Arches Court was the costly necessity of every Bishop, and to reinforce him with a second or third specially instructed in the event of active litigation. The litigant spirit of the times was intense, and the cost of litigation in a venal and distant Court was very high, and aggravated by long delays. A most unwarrantable amount of funds consecrated by benefactors to the service of God was squandered in these forensic strifes, and a keen forensic spirit engendered, the moral damage of which seems to have been little felt.

Besides its lofty position, as the highest court of appeal, the Curia was a fountain, at all times flowing through its agencies in England, of dispensations, briefs, provisory letters, and begging letters, all of them overriding the ordinary executive of the Church, and so begetting perplexity and disorder. The Register illustrates the extreme perplexity caused by them to the Diocesans, and the wiles needful for evading their full mischief. To take the case of Provisors. One form of the Papal brief of Provision entitled the holder, under the name of a "poor Clerk," to go to a patron, commonly a monastery, and claim a piece of their patronage of specified amount (*see* Croscombe case. p. 19). The Bp was bound to be the executor of this order, unless others were named. He usually appointed a Commission to inquire into the holder's qualifications, and then, if approved, to watch the case to its end. There was often much delay, and sometimes

remonstrance.[a] The more common brief of provision entitled the "Provisus" or holder to claim a specified piece of preferment, vacant or about to be. The higher Cathedral offices were so often bestowed in this way, even after the Bp had duly filled the benefice, that his nominees established the practice of receiving his institution *contingently*, reserving their former preferment in case of eviction by a Provisor. Under this system the Ecclesiastical patron was never sure that he would be left free to exercise his patronage, and was tempted to practice evasions.

The Bp's Relation to the Crown is largely illustrated in this Register owing to special circumstances. Ed. II was greatly in need of counsel, and of money for his Scotch wars. There was now a regular system of obtaining subsidies from the Clergy in their provincial Synods. These subsidies were collected by clerical agency, viz., by the Bp, as collector in each Diocese, using as sub-collectors the chapter or an abbey (they having safe places for keeping the treasure). The Clergy were charged on their canonical obedience to pay the assessment of their benefices (laid on the basis of the Valor of 1291-2), and were subject to distraint by sequestration.

Under the pressure of Scotch wars, aggravated by the crusading imposts of Popes Nicolas and Clement, the demands were very frequent, the arrears great, the Barons of the Exchequer were most urgent upon the Bp for speedier exaction, whilst he pleaded that his sequestrations were evaded by an overpressed Clergy. Between 30 and 40 folios of the Register are filled with Royal Writs, sometimes very scolding ones, and the Bp's replies on this unwelcome subject.

Besides this large draft on the Bp time, he owed to his Sovereign the service of a Councillor. Some of the Writs of Summons to Parliament will be found in the Register, also a demand from the King in 1321 to have the Bp's opinion in writing when he had pleaded excuse for absence (p. 199); also a Proxy to Deputies to represent him in Parliament (pp. 273, 290). Of his non-episcopal state-employments there is little notice save in the indirect evidence of dates of abode.

In 1325 he joined with other Bps in Parliament (p. 253) in a remonstrance to Queen Isabella upon her conduct, and in a petition to the Pope begging his pacific intervention between the Kings of France and England. Whether the

[a] *See* the remonstrance of the Abbot of Glaston (p. 209), stung by the unjust intrusion of an unqualified man into the Brotherhood. The Bp impliedly sympathised with the Abbot. I will here add that Richard de Cnolton, on whose case I have commented (p. 201), turns out to be a "poor Clerk" *provided*, *i.e.*, thrust upon the Abbey's patronage.

Bps were acting as the spiritual estate of the realm in these movements does not appear. The absence of Abbots' names makes it doubtful what constitutional position, if any, the Bps were assuming. The Bp's relation to his Primate often appears, and as one of real subordination. In the case of the boy Ivo de Berkeley, whom the Bp instituted as a Canon, Abp Reynolds not only inflicted a heavy rebuke upon the Bp, and upon the Chapter (for not treating the collation as null), but treated the benefice as having lapsed to his own patronage. The Bp was regularly cited to the Abp's Synod, which in its then unsettled form was sometimes called Convocation, sometimes Council, sometimes Parliament. In 1321 he was called to a Council of Bps in London (p. 193) to consider public events. He was also summoned to the consecration of the Bps of the Province, and was obliged to appear to all citations by proxies, if not in person (pp. 195, 196). In 1324 he joined the Bps of the Southern Province in asking the Pope's aid in bringing France to peace with England. The Bp held himself bound to publish all the Abp's provincial mandates, *e.g.* (p. 196), an order for a general intercession in behalf of the kingdom in 1322, which he issued to the exempt as well as the subject houses, as equally binding, by virtue of its synodal authority. All the Bp's judicial decisions were liable to appeal in the Abp's Court, already called the "The Arches," and in this court so frequent was the litigation that the Bp was obliged to keep standing counsel in constant pay.

It remains to notice some other functions of a mediæval Bp.

1. Appropriation.

It was competent for a diocesan, with patron's consent, to make an apportionment of the endowments of a benefice to a rector and a vicar; to institute the vicar to the cure of souls, and to induct the rector to the sinecure enjoyment of his portion, "in proprios usus." This was called appropriation or impropriation. When ratified by the Chapters, it became an act binding on the Bp's successors, The vicar was called "vicarius perpetuus," and had a freehold tenure, but his endowment was reviewable by the Bp, who often issued a new "ordinatio vicariæ" in a favour of a starved vicar (p. 180). The whole process of an appropriation will be often seen in the Register; *see* Index, *s.v.* Appropriation.

The Rector impropriate was cited to Visitations, and made amenable to the Ordinary for his obligations to maintain Chancel, &c. (p. 110).

2. Peter-pence.

The collection of the dwindling tax, payable to the Pope from Saxon times, called "Denarii Si. Petri," or Peter-pence, was laid upon the Bp. It had been in

earlier times very troublesome, seeing that every householder was liable, but it had finally settled down to a fixed sum, which each Bp had to pay to the Papal collector, having levied it from the diocese in his own method. It was levied in this diocese through the decanal chapters, but from whom does not appear. Our Bp was unpunctual in his remittances to the Papal Collectors, and was threatened by them with Inhibition "ab ingressu Ecclesiæ," a punishment which he staved off by forwarding his dues (p. 129). The Diocese was assessed at £11 5*s*. by Pope Gregory *circa* 1273 (p. 23), and this seems to have been the final settlement of the impost.

3. Direction of Christian Bounty.

This often occupied the Bp, as it does the Bps of this day, yet the methods for effecting it were so very different from those of our day that they form an instructive contrast.

In behalf of the most favoured objects the Bp stimulated the bounty of his people by promise of spiritual benefits in the form of indulgences. He desired that these should be proclaimed on Holy days, when the people were obliged to resort to Church, and during the celebration of Mass. Other objects of bounty were for the time banned. He thus commended to his *whole* diocese the most urgent diocesan needs, the fabrics of his two Cathedrals, Bath in 1310 and 1324 (pp. 60, 241), Wells 1326 (p. 250); whilst to smaller localities he offered indulgences through local collectors, to stimulate bounty for the more secular object of repairing the causeway across the moor from Poldon to Bridgwater (p. 259), and another leading to the Chapel of St. Thomas Weare (p. 277).

Besides these methods he used more imperious ones, *e.g.*, he published through the Vicars of Chard and Wellington an order intended for further circulation, requiring the people to make larger offerings on the dedication day of the parish Church; the names of defaulters to be reported to him for censure (p. 91). But if he made his authority burdensome in this matter of almsgiving, so did his Master at Avignon. Peremptory letters were often brought by the hands of Italian "Quæstors" (Quæstuarii, or Nuncii) demanding the Bp's warrant for their admission to the Churches of the diocese as pleaders for foreign institutions (pp. 181, 192). The Bp betrays his annoyance, sometimes by adding a saving clause in favour of the collections for his own Cathedrals, sometimes by barring the exhibition of relics and other popular allurements, sometimes by other restrictions (pp. 141, 192).

Provision for disabled Clergy.

This function occupied a good deal of the Bp's time. He was sometimes invoked by the worn-out incumbent, sometimes he acted against his will (p. 289). In either case he obtained evidence by commission of the Incumbent's condition and of the value of the benefice, and then made an arrangement, often with patron's expressed assent, for the sustenance of the retiring officer. This arrangement was made binding on the successors by oath (pp. 50, 92, 101). It was in some cases too complex to work well, and required the Bp's interference to enforce it. This he could do by his almost unbounded power of sequestration.

He exercised the same authority in providing for the retirement of the Heads of religious houses (p. 158), and of Archdeacons (p. 24).

He also provided coadjutors for some of the worn-out incumbents (p. 107, *bis* 114, *bis*), and invested them with singular powers over their persons, their freehold, and their flock. In cases of infirmity disabling the aged Rector from superintending the troublesome business of taking tithe in kind, and farming the glebe, such intervention is represented as an act of mercy, and probably with truth, to the Rector. It certainly was a benefit to his flock, and to the neglected interests of the benefice.

Some cases occur where the Bp apparently intended the surplus revenue of the benefice to be carried to the Cathedral Fabric Fund, and with that view placed Dean Godley in commission over Doulting, and Precentor Gorges over Shepton Malet (pp. 114, 129).

Dispensation.

A general power of dispensation had doubtless been always conceded to the Episcopate. This had been restrained in part by papal constitutions, but it was still largely exercised by the Bps. Papal authority alone could dispense with plurality, non-residence, irregularity, matrimonial disabilities, illegitimacy as a bar to Holy Orders, and cure of souls. The Bp still dispensed with residence to the limit allowed by the Constitution of P. Boniface, viz., one year for study, and for "obsequia," *i.e.*, services undertaken as chaplains or otherwise in great houses. He could also dispense with banns of marriage, as the Bps. of our own day do, but no instance of the kind occurs in this Register. He could also dispense with illegitimacy so far as to qualify for minor orders and clerical employment without cure of souls. A full dispensation qualifying for sacred orders and cure of souls must be sought from Rome. When obtained, it was carried to the Bp whose duty it was to inquire into the allegations and bearer's character, and, if satisfied,

to ratify and promulgate the instrument. The licenses conveying dispensation and other privileges are very numerous. Those for study, being repeated year by year to the same persons, I have ceased to calendar after 1324.

They were all paid for. The amount of fee is sometimes entered in margin. It was given by the Bp at this period to the neediest claimant in the Diocese, the Cathedral fabric.

The names of influential suitors asking for privilege are sometimes entered, showing the Bp's liability to incessant canvass. The dates show that he granted his boons on his journeys, and therefore without any consultation with his Chapter or Archdeacons, whose advice might have saved him from yielding too easily to personal urgency. His good nature was at last a subject of too late regret to himself, as to many in later times. In 1323 he testified against his own laxity, painted the fruits of it in dark colours, and charged his official, *i.e.*, his Chancellor, to undo by a strong hand (see p. 227) the mischiefs he had done.

Consecration by the name of dedication occurs often. It was applied not only to the setting apart of immovable property to sacred uses, but of many minor things, *e.g.*, fixed altars, portable altars, called super-altars, for use in unconsecrated oratories, bells, oil for chrism and confirmation, water for the font, for reconciliation and other benedictory purposes.

In 1317 (p. 127) the Bp, pursuant to Otto's constitutions 1237, ordered the names of all clergy who were using anything unconsecrated to be returned to him. Several were censured, and some punished by mulct (p. 128). The movement was part of a general one, made by papal authority, and is a guarantee to the Churchmen of to-day, that though the consecration deeds have perished, their ancient Churches and cemeteries have been duly set apart to God's uses according to primitive observance.[a]

The form of re-consecration after profanation, called **Reconciliation**, occurs in this Register. The Martock case (p. 236) is worth noting. The profaning blood-shed seems to have been most trivial, demanding no more purgation than the aspersion of Holy Water, which the Bp committed by messenger to the Abbot of Muchelney, who, as commissary, was bidden to hold inquiry on the spot, and then to declare the Churchyard restored to its uses. Trifling as the fray may have been, it was needful to teach men, by depriving them of Christian burial or of worship, to bridle their angry passions on ground consecrated to their Saviour's

[a] The dedication-day, which is still known, if not observed, in most parishes, is itself a record of the fact of the consecration of the Church. *See* the Burnham consecration, p. 115, and the Bp's certificate thereof given to the people with a view to the observance of the anniversary.

honour and uses. The cost of reconciliation was a considerable addition to this lesson. It was an Episcopal function, calling for the special mission[a] of a suffragan in the absence of the Diocesan. The whole cost of the commission, and of the Procurations, *i.e.*, the sum payable by custom for entertainment of Bp's retinue was laid by the common law of the Church upon the parish.

Sequestration was a power very largely used by the Bp. The power extended to everything set apart to ecclesiastical uses, fabrics, glebes, cemeteries, vessels, growing or garnered crops. The Bp, as the "persona ecclesiæ" of the diocese, was the supreme guardian of the whole diocesan property. Even against the incumbents to whom he had given induction, or churchwardens to whom his court had committed the goods of the parish church, he could upon proof of neglect come in and resume administration by a writ of Sequestration. His civil duty obliged him to issue this writ, upon royal mandate, if a clerk was sued for debt in the King's court, or defaulted in payment of subsidies granted to the Crown, but the clerk's property was safe against the King's writ or the Sheriff's hand. As long as it was on ecclesiastical ground it could only be attached by the Bp.

The Royal writs which fill so many folios in this Register are all based on these constitutional principles, and abundantly illustrate them. They show indeed that at this period, in default of any system of tax-collection, the lay power was glad to use the ecclesiastical arm for levying the subsidies drawn from the clergy. That the Bp and his officers were unwilling agents in raising the very frequent and oppressive levies, is very evident from the evasive answers returned to the King's writs. "The Clerk has been cited," or "His goods seized, but no buyers to be found." "His property removed to a lay fee," therefore beyond ecclesiastical attachment. Answers like these abound, and are treated by the Crown officers with ample suspicion. The results must have been very fretting to all concerned. The demands on the clergy came very frequently. Two or three past subsidies were in arrear, when a new one was voted.

The Bp.s energies and officers were largely occupied in the unpalatable work of collecting. Nevertheless the sequestrating power, however onerous to wield, was too valuable to surrender. In rough-handed times it operated as a shield to the clergy against the unfair assessments imposed by officers of Shire or Hundred. It is still an important attribute of the Bp's Guardianship of dedicated property, though vastly fettered in its exercise.

Admission to benefices is the *most* frequent of the recorded acts. The process,

[a] *See* cases at Canington (p. 43), Bruton (p. 45) and Ilchester (p. 232).

from the earliest stage to the latest, varied but little either in substance or in form from the familiar process of to-day, but the benefices were far more varied, for they included Abbacies, Chantries, and (strange to say) Hermitages.

In the case of conventual Headships, the first step for the chapter of the vacant house was to sue the Patron's congè d'élire, the second to elect the Head, and report the election to the Bp. It was the Bp's place to inquire "de personâ et moribus electi," and "de processu," *i.e.*, the validity of the procedure, and, if satisfied, to confirm the election, to report the confirmation to the Patron, praying from him (or from the Crown as the case might be) restitution of the temporalties. It only remained for the Bp to take the elect's profession, and to confer Benediction by way of License, qualifying, like Institution, for the exercise of spiritual functions. This procedure varied, of course, according to local statutes and exemptions. It was highly complex, full of cautions, aimed at securing honest appointments, but so dilatory and so burdensome to the means of a small house, that the Bp, apparently with Patron's consent, in some cases waived certain of its stages, and some patrons (pp. 204–5) on going abroad left proxies to act for them. In the Barrow case (pp. 245, 294) the Bp grew impatient of delay, and under urgency collated the Prioress elect without waiting for Patron, probably owing to the confusions of the times which were involving the Berkeley family.

Capitular appointments being all in the Bp's patronage, were conferred as now by the Bp's Letter of Collation, which gave the spiritual right to minister, followed by Installation, which gave the temporal rights annexed to the Stall. The offices called Dignities were conferred by the form of seisin known as "traditio Pilei," or "Birettæ," the delivery of the Bp's Hat (pp. 21, 25). To this day the Bp gives seisin of his diocesan Chancellor's office by delivery of a coin.

In filling the parochial benefice, the patron had a most mischievous width of liberty allowed to him, partly from laxity of law, partly from the Bp's laxity. The Council of Lyons, 1274, Sess. vi, had forbidden admission to a benefice of any one under 25. Boniface VIII in a decretal relaxed this rule on the plea that many had no means of obtaining academic education save by the help of a benefice. In our Bp's time, a Subdeacon was by this decretal qualified for admission, and allowed under Bp's permission seven years possession for finishing his studies and obtaining Priest's orders. Hence arose the word "possessioner" found so often in the Register, and the proceedings against possessioners who had never qualified. Hence also the very frequently

renewed licenses to study in some university, and letters dimissory entitling the bearer to seek ordination wherever he could find an ordaining Bp in the province. Hence also the practice of giving admission to the benefice by institution and induction without admission to the exercise of the office.[a] This last our Bp often postponed until he could in person receive the oath of canonical obedience from the priest, and then give him full mission to his waiting flock. Amidst much laxity, he was strict on this point.

However lax the law, the Register shows a laxer practice. The sons of well-born patrons are presented in boyhood, in the first tonsure, quartered on the benefice for education, which they are yearly licensed to seek. Some, it may be suspected, never reached the priesthood, and never ministered. The Bp himself as private patron of Hannay, Berks, presented an illiterate clerk, for whom he was obliged to ask admission as a favour. He could not well be stricter with his own lay patrons, whose family interest in the benefice which their ancestors had created was far more demonstrable to reason and justice than it is now, after six centuries; and he was perhaps, when he weighed the interests of the flock, convinced that he could provide better for them by a "custos," or chaplain of his own selection, than by committing them to the care of their legal rector.

The normal process of admission was as follows:—

1. Presentation by Patron.
2. Inquiry made by R. Dean in his chapter touching the cause and date of vacancy, the person and character of the nominee, and other particulars required by the Bp.[b]
3. (Sometimes) Examination in literaturâ or other doubted points.
4. Institution, with oath of Residence as prescribed by Otto's Const. 1237.
6. Mandate to Archdeacon or other inducting authority.
6. Induction.
7. Oath of canonical obedience, if not administered at time of institution by Bp.

In 1317 (p. 125), the Bp enlarged the terms of this oath, on which he laid great stress, as being the oath of fealty to him. He included certain specific duties, such as attending the decanal chapters and aiding their inquiries.

[a] A clear line was herein observed between the "beneficium" and the "officium." The former was conferred, the patron's rights saved against lapse, the Bp saved against the patron's civil claims, but the "officium" remained in the hands of the chief Pastor to provide for, as in the case of a suspended incumbent.

[b] *e.g.*, Condition of the buildings with a view to dilapidations, which the R. D. was often ordered to assess, and charge on the late incumbent's estate.

Admission to endowed chaplaincies and chantries was carried out by similar forms. Even when a Church was to be held "in commendam," limited by law to six months, the "commendatarius" went through the same forms. The custom of conferring seisin by some overt form was so universal, that no possession was deemed safe without induction by some visible authority. Even the licensed Hermits were inducted into their cells by some Episcopal officer, before they could make their claim on the accustomed devotions of the people (p. 284).

Ordination.

Of this function (the ordination lists having been kept in a separate register, not extant) we learn very little. We learn that the ordinations were so rare, that candidates had to seek it in other dioceses by letters dimissory, which are very numerous. During the years of his State employments the Bp commissioned others to ordain for him,[a] *e.g.*, in 1310, and again 1325, the Bp of Llandaff, but only for the beneficed and the monastic clergy; in 1312 (p. 52), and 1325 (p. 257); in 1311, the Bp of Cork (p. 40). In 1310 (p. 33) he took out a commission from the Bp of Sarum to ordain in some obscure place in that diocese. The places of the few recorded ordinations were Wells Cathedral in 1311, and at S. Mary Redcliff in 1325 (for the sake of the Llandaff candidates), Bath probably in 1310. The function was always celebrated on Ember Saturdays. This rule prevailed till the introduction of our present ordinal.

Though barren of ordination records, the Register shows the Bp frequently conferring the **first tonsure** with his own hands,[a] and in various Churches of the diocese, generally on festivals. The announcement in the margin is generally "Coronati." The persons receiving this crown where usually youths of the neighbourhood, and many of them emancipated on the same day from their serfdom for the purpose.

The effect of the tonsure was to place them within the Clerus, and invest them with the immunities of the Clergy. They were thenceforth "Clerici," and though not entitled to minister until advanced to the lower orders, they were qualified to assist the Ministering Clergy (p. 13), and specially in the office of "Aquæ bajulus," the carrier of Holy Water, who is the ancestor of the parish clerk. It was probably as assistants to beneficed clergy that the young "Coronati" got their bread and their education, or at least a training. Few could afford to reach the

[a] The office will be found in Maskell's "Mon. Rit. Eccl. Angl." The tonsure-plate used at St. Paul's, London in the 13th century is still preserved.

Universities without a patron's aid. Not a few, it is to be feared, remained unadvanced, picking up a secular livelihood as scribes, accountants, as clerks (in the modern sense) to the bailiffs in Manor Courts, whose Court Rolls were kept in Latin. In these capacities they were useful to an illiterate community, but they did not enhance the efficiency or reputation of the Clergy, for it was from this class that the order of Clerks convict was recruited, who were delivered at every Assize to the Bp for his custody and ultimate purgation.

The word "**Legitimatio**" will be seen in the margin. This indicated two episcopal functions, and differing ones. The first was the Bp's return to a writ from the King's Court inquiring into the regularity of an alleged marriage as bearing on the legitimacy of suitors in the Court (see p. 128). The second was the removal by spiritual authority of the bar to Ordination constituted by bastardy. This bar the Bp acting under papal authority could remove in full. Without that authority he could only waive it as far as the lower steps of ordination and the holding of sinecure benefices. The number of legitimated persons is surprising. It is to be explained by the fact that many were sons of married clergy, whose marriage was not held invalid by the common law, but was discredited by the Church in divers ways, besides disqualifying their issue for the Church's commission. The Bp's or Pope's legitimation was only concerned with the ecclesiastical disability. It did not affect property.

Some functions are wholly unnoticed, *e.g.*, **Confirmation** and **Preaching**. The first, no doubt, was administered, though, owing to our Bp having no Suffragan to act in his frequent absence, intermittently. The second was perhaps never exercised by him, or by any of the Bps of his class. It may well be doubted whether he could freely communicate with the people of his village-flocks in their mother tongue. His correspondence was written in Latin. His communications with his bailiffs on manorial business were in French, and that was probably the daily language at his table, as it certainly was in all his intercourse with his sovereign and nobles, and in his utterances in Parliament and Synod.

I now conclude by adverting to two allegations against his official character.

1. Nepotism.

This charge the Register establishes beyond all doubt. He brought discredit and reproof upon himself by the shameless promotion of his nephews, whilst disqualified by non-age and ignorance.

2. Litigiousness.

With regard to this, the Register gives a mixed verdict. He partook of the litigant spirit of the age, and thought it a duty, like all others of his day, in Church or State, to ampliate his jurisdiction; but in the special matter which has been remembered against him, viz., his contest with the chapter in 1320-1, during which he once grievously lost his temper, he was the first to show the peacemaker's spirit, and finally he yielded almost every point. The jurisdictions and privileges in debate were, it must be remembered, encroachments on the Bp's rights, some of them resting on not very clear claims. The Bp had reason on his side. The chapter was so convinced that the Bp's Official was the "causa litis" as to petition for his removal.[a]

The contest was not long. The greater part of his twenty years he was certainly living on friendly terms with Dean Godley, and most of the resident canons, entering into their interests, promoting their anxious work in the Cathedral fabric. The admission of the Dean to purgation in 1326 (p. 264) was, I conceive, a friendly act to enable the Dean to clear himself publicly from a slander. It was a process which the Abbot of Glastonbury had offered to go through for a like object. In the end, at any rate, all ruffling was smoothed. In the endowment of the chantry for his own soul, the Bp coupled his fellow worker, the Dean, as partaker with him in a perpetual brotherhood of intended benefits.

All his faults are traceable to hastiness of temper and to warmth of heart, both contributing to overpower his judgment and his conscience; but he was also warm in his friendships, a peacemaker, and charitable to his numerous dependents—witness his frequent manumissions, and his daily doles to two hundred needy ones (p. 161).

[a] Archer's "Chron."

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Register

of

Bishop John de Drokensford.

ON fly-leaf, rubbed out and illegible, a random memorandum.

Below, an index of about 17 items, made *after* the binding of the volume.

In dorso, letter from Pope John (XXII), Ann. viij of his Pont., *i.e.*, 1332–3, to the Abp. and his suffragans, touching the enmity between their King and Charles King of France; has entreated the King of E. to make terms, but gets no answer, only hears of French invasion of Gascony, and resistance by Edmund the King's brother.

Fol. 1*a*.

Reg. Jo. Drokensford.

No preface. No proceedings during vacancy, or election.

Royal writs ordering sequestrations and citations of clergy to King's courts, beginning 9 Ed. II (1315–6), fill the earliest folios. A sample or two will be given in full, the rest calendared.

Distrain[a] Will. Vic. of Ch. Ch., Twynham (*i.e.*, Ch. Ch., Hants), as executor of Jo. de Montacute, to satisfy Jo. de Luccombe's scutage levied (by J. de M. as overlord) in reign of Ed. I, for four fees in Luccombe, and due to Crown. Kg. to Bp. (1)

[a] *i.e.*, summon, under pain of distraint.

Twynham not in Diocese. *See* No. 21. 9 Ed. II. Return.

Rg. to Bp. (2) Distrain Rich., Parson of Odcombe, to answer for £20, due to Rich. Loveney.

Return. R. Loveney has appeared and is satisfied.

Rg. to Bp. (3) Attach goods of Rich. de Rodeston, to answer for encroachments in Wychwood Forest. *See* No. 11.

Return. His goods are attached and person cited.

Fol. 1*b*.

Rg. to Bp. (4) Ann. Regis ix. Distrain Geoffrey de Heigham, executor of Will. Burnel, Archd. of Taunton, to answer suit for £63 due to W. de Hamelton.

Return. G. de H. is said to reside in Winton Diocese.

Rg. to Bp. (5) Ann. x. Raise 106*s.* 4*d.* on Rectory of Mells, held by Rich. le Ostage, sequestered by our command at suit of Edmund de Morle.

Return. John Ynge and others having violated the sequestration, for which they are excommunicated, the money could not be levied.

Rg. to Bp. (6) Ann. x. Raise 20*s.* on benefice of Tho. de Gorges, for debt recovered in our court by Will. Vellard of Wells.

Return. The 20*s.* are sent by the hand of our official, Bradney.

Rg. to Bp. (7) Ann. ix. Cite Will. Barbecan, Parson of Widcomb, to Westminster, on suit of Walter de Meriet, for 40 mks.

Return. We have distrained him, as desired.

Rg. to Bp. (8) Ann. x, July. Cite Robt., Vic. of Milverton, to answer to us and the Prior of Goldclive for seizure of goods on Prior's Manors of Preston and (Monk) Silver, whilst the temporalities (of Priory) were in our hands, and for hindering our Escheator in giving seisin to Prior. [Names of 16 accomplices.]

Return. We have cited him . . . . (faint). Writ renewed No. 15.

Fol. 2*a*.

No. 6 repeated. Ann. x. (9)

We send 20*s*. by bearer, and beg acquittance. Return.

Ann. x. Cite Nich. of Wymburn called Carnifex, to answer suit of executor of W. de Hamelton for 24 mks. Kg. to Bp. (10)

Ann. x. Raise £17 16*s*. 7*d*. on benefice of Will. de Rodeston, due to Crown for timber cut in Wychwood. Kg. to Bp. (11)

We have sequestered goods worth 20*s*., but have not found buyers. Return.

Fol. 2*b*.

Ann. x. Raise on benefice of Stephen de Stoford, Parson of Whatley, 6 mks., due to Master of St. Giles' Leper Hospital, near London, and 10 mks., due to the widow of John Seculer. Kg. to Bp. (12)

We have sequestered goods worth 1 mk., but have found no buyer. Return.

Ann. x. Cite Canon Plymstock to answer suit for £93 7*s*. 7*d*. made by executors of Henry Husee and others representing co-executors. Kg. to Bp. (13)

He is under distraint of £10 to obey the writ. Return.

Ann. x. Cite G. de Lavington to answer claim of Prioress of Goring for monies received for her, as certified by Sheriff of Berks. Kg. to Bp. (14)

Cited according to writ. Return.

Ann. x. Repeating No. 8 in full. Kg. to Bp. (15)

Cited according to writ. Return.

Fol. 3*a*.

Ann. x. Cite Precentor Tho. de Gorges, at suit of Jordan Moraunt, for 10 mks. Kg. to Bp. (16)

He is dead, and distributed all his goods before death. Return.

Kg. to Bp. (17) Repeating in substance No. 13.

Return. The Clerk is cited, but he is said to be in the Roman Curia. He is not a "persona."

Kg. to Bp. (18) Ann. x. Cite Adam de Pouleshele, Parson of Badialton, to answer suit of Walter, Bp. of Exeter, for poaching in Norton Park. A threat is added for non-execution of writ.

Return. Cited under distraint.

Fol. 3*b*.

Kg. to Bp. (19) Ann. x, May. Urges speedy collection of Tenth granted by Clergy. The Scotch war very costly. Dean and Chapter are Sub-collectors.

Return. The Sub-collectors being cited, say that they hold a receipt for £200 from the Bardi Co.,[a] and that before the next harvest it will be impossible to levy more from the incumbents, impoverished by last bad harvest.

[a] Money-lenders, who advanced the sum to the King.

Kg. to Bp. (20) Ann. x. Cite John, Parson of Langridge, at suit of Elias of St. Albans, for 10 mks.

Return. Cited under distraint. He will have no goods till harvest.

Fol. 4*a*.

Kg. to Bp. (21) Repetition of No. 1.

Return. He is beneficed in Winton. The prosecutor is troubling us needlessly.

Kg. to Bp. (22) Ann. x. Cite Nic. de Wedergrave, Parson of Compton Martyn, and Nic. de Wayvindon, P. of Maperton, to answer suit for £39 5*s*. of Ralph de Paxton, Vic. of King's Camel, and Rich. de Paxton, Vic. of Somerton.

Return. Both are cited, the second under distraint of 20*s*., but the first has lodged all his goods on a lay fee.[b]

[b] This placed them beyond the Bp.'s sequestration.

Ann. xj, July. Help by your censures your Collector, the Abbot of Glastonbury, in collecting the Clementine Tenths. The Abbot has exhausted his censures. P.S. charging the Bp. on his fealty to be less remiss. **Kg. to Bp.** (23)

We have cited all who are returned defaulters by the Abbot's deputy (de la Nye). Our official will proceed to sequestrate those on the schedule annexed. **Return.**

Fol. 4*b*.

Ann. xj, Aug. 1. Pay into Exchequer by Aug. 15 the arrears of Pope Clement's (sexannal) Tenth, raised for Crusade, which the Pope has granted to us for our necessities. **Kg. to Bp.** (24)

Bp. to Treasurer, J. Bp. of Ely (who succeeded Bp. Drokensford in 1316). Rockborne, Aug. 19. Mandate in hand too late; has nothing to send in addition to the 500 mks., because when Pope C. died, the authority for collecting died too; the arrears cannot be got, the harvests are bad, and there is murrain among the cattle. **Return.**

Fol. 5*a*.

Ann. x (earlier than No. 24). Urging collection of Tenth granted by Pope John. **Kg. to Bp. and B. and C.** (25)

Bp. to Barons of Exchequer. The King's brief is in hand, June 23. 500 mks. are paid. Not enough time has been allowed for the levy in these distressed times. **Return.**

Fol. 5*b*.

Ann. xj, Aug. 8. Urging payment of all remnants of Pope Clement's Tenth, which he asserts are *lent* to him by Pope John. **Kg. to Bp.** (26)

Letter from Bishop, apparently addressed to Chapter as sub-collectors, Aug. 29, 1317. Probably an extract sent to Exchequer to show what the Bp. was doing. **Return.**

Rg. to Bp. (27) Ann. xj. Cite Jo. de Burg, Parson of Horsington, at suit of Prior of St. John's Hosp., Jerus., and two brothers, for 50 mks.

Return. J. de B. is cited under distraint.

Rg. to Bp. (28) Under mistake, an order to cite a Derbyshire Rector.

Fol. 6*a*.

Rg. to Bp. (29) Ann. xj, Nov. A long list of defaulters, who are to be compelled to pay up all Pope Clement's Imposts, biennial, triennial, annual.

Return. Unable to levy these sums, and also the 26*s*. 8*d*. from Rect. of Horsington, our sequestration being broken. We have excommunicated the culprits.

Rg. to Bp. (30) Ann. xj, Oct. Cite collectors of subsidy granted by Clergy, Ann. x, to render account in the Exchequer before Candlemas.

Return. The brief arrived too late.

Fol. 6*b*.

Rg. to Bp. (31) Ann. xj. Is astonished at neglect of last writ.

Rg. to Bp. (32) Ann. xj, Feb. Very urgent, repeats the list of defaulters from No. 29.

No Returns to 31 and 32.

Fol. 7*a*.

Lit. Electionis Canyngton. Two nuns of Canington appear before Bp. at Wyveliscombe to present the **Prioress-elect, Matilda de Morton,** and pray the Bp.'s confirmation. This was refused on the ground of informality of election, and the 10th of May was assigned for the patires to appear before the Bp.'s Commissaries. May 4, 1317.

Fol. 7*b*, 8*a*, 8*b*.

Contain the further proceedings, which, being fully narrated by Mr. Hugo in his "Nunneries of Somerset," pp. 15–21, may

be summarized here, viz.: The Commissaries quash the election, and substitute **Joanna de Vere**, June 18, but on July 12 and Aug. 15 a further Commission is issued, which led to the resignation of Joanna and the **Institution of Matilda as Prioress, by Bp.'s collation**, superseding the electors and patron, as in a case of lapse. The patron seems to have consented.

Fol. 9*a*.

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Fol. 9*b*.

Grant from **Bp., as Lord of Pirbright** (near Guildford), to Geoffrey de Stanes, his blacksmith (and to his heirs), for services past and to come, of a tenement at P. **Carta Galfridi Ferratoris.**

Sund. aft. St. Faith. 10th Ed. II.

Fol. 10*a*, 10*b*.

An Indenture between the Bp. and the Master of St. Mark's Hosp., Bristol. A suit having arisen in the King's Court, touching the mill, sluices, and dam of **Nether-Weare** (belonging to the Hosp.), hurtful to Bp.'s tenants, an exchange was arranged by friendly mediation at N. Weare, June, 1316, viz.:— **Compost. Molend. de Were.**

The Hosp. to yield up to Bp. the watercourse and mill.

The Bp. to give to Hosp. Hyndmore, in Compton and Cheddar, saving commoners' rights in H., and to give half the water from Blacklake to Blindyoo below Overwere for the new mill of the Hosp.

All abuttals and measurements minutely entered.

Test. John de Erleigh, Jo. and Mat. de Clyvedon, Jo. de Meriet, Jo. de Beauchamp, of Norton, Knts., and others, squires, and neighbours.

Confirmed by D. and C. of Wells. *See* Lib. Alb. i, fol. 150.

Fol. 11*a*.

The whole page relates to **a Monk of Peterborough**, banished by his Bp. (Lincoln) for penance, and sent back as incorrigible.

The letters are written in one neat close-set hand, with hardly any break.

(1) **John, Bp. of L. to Bp. of B. and W.**, begging him to place Wm. de Walton in Athelney Abbey (or some Benedictine House) under strict discipline, at the cost of his own Abbey, on account of his wickedness, and disobedience to his own Abbot.
Stowe Park, 13 Kal. Feb., 1314.

(2) Same to same,—asking for a solitary cell and imposing a detailed penance. 15 Kal. Oct.

(3) Same to same,—suggesting fetters for safety.
6 Kal. Dec., 1314.

(4) **Bp. B. and W. to Bp. of L.**, describing two escapes (at two years' interval) of the monk from his fetters, and his recapture. He causes so much scandal that he must go back to his convent. June, 1319.

Fol. 11*b*.

Inquisitio Sup. Vacatione In Prior. de Stok-curcy.

Return from the Archd.'s Official, reciting the Bp.'s Commission to Archd. to inquire touching vacancy. The Commission requires the Archd. to summon the Chapter of Bridgwater Deanery, and to ascertain (1) how the preferment became vacant, (2) when, (3) who presented last, (4) what churches are appropriated to the Priory, (5) what is its due complement, (6) what its means, also "de moribus presentati." Wellington, July 21, 1316.

The chapter* held in Bridgwater church return the date of death of Prior Peter, (2) that Lonlay Abbey is patron, (3) that the Priory is endowed with the churches of Stokecurcy, Lyllingstoke, and sinecure chapel of Derberwe (Durborough) with all

* Only the Christian names of the eight Incumbents present are given. Seven absentees appeared by proctor.

their tithes and oblations, and two carucates of land, 5 acres of meadow,—the whole worth 45 mks., applicable to the use of Priory (*i.e.*, no Vicarage-endowment). (4) The complement depends on the will of the Abbey. (5) Presentee, Giles Roussee,* is a Priest, 40 years of age, and of good conversation

Brug., 2 Kal. Aug., 1316.

* A Frenchman, quite unfit for his English charge, as the sequel proved.

Fol. 12*a*.

Giles Roussee inst. by Bp. to Priory and to cure of souls in parishes annexed. Wyveliscombe, Aug. 14. **Inst.**

Archd. Taunton to induct, and enjoin Monks to obey. **Ind.**

Fol. 12*b*.

Bp. to Archd. of Taunt. and two Canons, to administer estate, if any, of Precentor, **Tho. de Gorges.** *See* fol. 3. **Comm.**

Blackford, March, 1316.

Fol. 13*a*.

Bp. in Chapter-Ho. of S. Paul's, Lond., instituted Simon le Botelyr, Pr., **Rect. of Camerton,** at request of G. de Midleton, Official of Arches Court. Feb. 13. **Inst.**

Bp. to two Cardinals, preparatory to licensing Friars for officiating in diocese as preachers and confessors, pursuant to the Bull "Super Cath.," returning the number of **Mendicant Friars' Houses** in Diocese—viz., (1) Ilchester, Preachers, (2) Bridgwater, Minors, (3) Bristol, Augustinian, newly founded. Never were more. Lond., March 3, 1317. **Certificatorium de religiosis mendicantibus.**

MEM.—**Bp. to Master of St. John's Hosp., Bristol,** requesting him to receive as a secular sister, Alice, niece of his valett, Edm. de Wyntershall. Feb. 24, 1317. **Litt. direct. Mgr. Hosp. S. Jo.**

Bp. to John de Foxle and other the King's Justices. Licence to examine witnesses on oath for furtherance of justice, Lent notwithstanding. Greenwich, Feb. 26, 1317. **Comm. pro Assisa.**

Comm. **Bp. to his Official,** to inquire touching 4 mks. per ann. payable to Merton Priory out of Martock Rectory by the Treasurer of Wells, as Rector. Thynham, March 8, 1317.

Litt. dim. To **Will. de Wyk,** Clerk, and to **Wm. de Bath,** Acol., to seek orders. Crux Easton, same date.

Comm. MEM.—**Bp., as Papal Judex,** commissions two Canons of Wells to hear matrimonial suit between Thomas Bone and Matilda Attebarre, both of Wallingford, and to report.

Fol. 13*b*.

Inst. **Payan Fitzwarin,** Sub-deacon, instituted **Rect. of Shepton Beauchamp** (Pat., Sir John de Beauchamp). N.B. Examined by Bp. "in literaturâ," and licensed to take a year's study in Oxford. London, March 19, 1317.

Litt. Obligatoriae. **Bond by Bp.** to J. de Bruton, for £20, repayable by Bp's. Receiver at Easter.

Lic. Stud. To **Rect. of S. Bradon (Albright),** Pr., for one year's study.

Inst. MEM.—**Roger de Derriton,** instituted **Rect. of Elme.** Pat., Will Portebref. Bruton, April 8, 1318.

Inst. MEM.—**Jo. de Gidding,** Pr., instituted **Rect. of Uphill.** Pat., Phil. le Lung. Cheddar, April 15.

Litt. pro Pœnitent. Licence to the **Vic. of Stogumber** to hear confessions in his Deanery. April 18.

Inst. **Rich. Perceval,** Clerk, instituted **Rect. of Exford.** Pat., Lady Joanna Perceval. Same date.

Lic. absentandi. To **Rect. of Swainswick, Will. de Bath,** to lease his benefice to fitting person for two years, and to act as Cathedral Vicar in Wells. Granted on account of the ill-will (*malitia*) of some of his flock. 1318.

MEM.—**Will. de Lynton**, Pr., instituted **Rect. of Ar** (Oare), by exchange with Vic. of Christinestowe. Pat., John de Kelly. 6 Non., May, 1318. **Inst.**

Archd. of Taunton to induct. **Ind.**

Bp. to his tenants of Kingsbury, Huish, and Chard. Warrant to certify that Will. de Cormailles, his Valett, is appointed Bailiff. Westbury, May 10, 11 Ed. II. **Comm.**

Fol 14*a*.

Bp. to three Canons, to displace[a] John de Sarum, possessioner of **Brean and Rowborough** churches, after inquiry, and to institute **Rich. de Bacwell,** presented thereto. Banwell, 5 Non., Aug., 1318. **Comm.**

[a] Voided probably by the Constitution "Contra plurales."

Licence to[b] six Friars Minors of Bridgwater, to preach and hear confessions through the Diocese for one year. More names inserted afterwards. The list to be published "in our consistories and in all Chapters of clergy and churches." Cheddar, May 4, 1318. **Lic. ad Confess audiend.**

[b] Pursuant to Bull "Sup. Cath."

MEM.—**Licence to Roger Legyr of Bishopesworth,** to have Divine service by his own chaplain in his manorial chapel on a consecrated super-altar until the Bp. comes into neighbourhood. Chew., Kal. May, 1316. **Lic. pro Oratorio.**

To **Rect. of Exford** (Perceval) for one year. His deputy to distribute alms under Bp.'s direction. Same date. **Lic. Stud.**

To **Canon Laurence de Barre,** Acol., **Rect. of Compton Martin,** to seek minor orders, with licence of study. Wyveliscombe, May 18. **Litt. dim.**

Fol. 14*b*.

Bp., as Papal Judex, to three Canons, to hear cause between **Comm.**

Walter Ore (or Oram) and Canon Tho. de Haselschaw for violence, and to report. Wyveliscombe, 18 Kal. June, 1318.

On 18 Kal. July one Commissary withdrawn.

Lic. Stud. MEM.—To **Rect. of Blagdon** (Ashe) for one year, with litt. dim. for Priesthood. Wyveliscombe, 12 Kal. June.

Prima tons. MEM.—**A Canon of Derby** tonsured, "per manus impos. epi." Same date.

Dispens. Jo. de Putteney. MEM.—Formula dispensing **Jo. de Pitney** (illegitimate) for minor orders and sinecure benefice; first tonsure conferred. Wyveliscombe, May 19.

Inst. MEM.—**Walter de Eberdon**, Pr., inst. by proxy **Rect. of Waraxall**, vice Jo. de Everdon, forced to resign by the "Contra Plurales" constitution. Pat., Ralph de Gorges.

Ind. Archd. of Bath to induct. Presentee to take oaths in person. Wyveliscombe, Kal. June, 1318.

Fol. 15*a*.

Inst. **Will. de la Pytte**, Pr., instituted **Rect. of Thurloxton.** Pat., Taunton Priory. Same date.

Ind. Archd. of Taunt. to induct, and ordered to sequestrate late Rect.'s goods, for repair of chancel, books, and ornaments, as estimated by the inquest.

Ann. Pensio. Ten mks. granted to **Jo. Walwayn**, "de archivis epi.," till preferred to Prebend. Same date.

Comm. contra R. Selyman. **Bp., as Papal Judex, to Archd. of Bath and two Canons**, to hear complaint of Margaret Gatesterte against her husband, Robt. Selyman of Gatesterte, for want of conjugal affection. Citation to appear in Wells Consistory. Served through the Rural Dean of Malmsbury.

Inst. MEM.—**Roger Sampson**, Pr., inst. **Rect. of Stoke s. Mare**

(Walton in Gordano), vice Will. de Clyvedon, deceased. Pat., And. de Brumpton. Wyveliscombe, 4 Non. June.

Archd. Bath to induct. Ind.

To **Edmund Martyn of Wydecomb**, (? Widcombe, Bath,) to have chaplain celebrating in his chapel on a super-altar (consecrated), for his own and his wife's lives. Same date Lic.

Fol. 15*b*.

Bp. to Hen. de L'isle, Rect. of Harptre. "Take charge of Fruits of Harptre **Prebend** from day of Lewis de Beaumont's consecration as Abp. of Dublin, *i.e.*, Midlent. We have conferred the Stall." Wyveliscombe, 5 Kal. June, 1318. Comm.

Bp. to Chaplain, serving vacant church of **Chedzoy**, charging him to remove from the "Beneficium aquæ benedictæ" (*i.e.*, Parish Clerk's place) Nic. Atteslape, who is not (as the canons require) "literatus" or tonsured, and to admit the bearer, Attemore, Clerk and literate. Any parishioner resisting, to be cited to Wells Consistory to show cause. The Bp. is acting both as Diocesan and as "vices rectoris gerens." *See* fol. 16. Same date. Litt. direct. Capellano paroch.

To **Vic. of Somerton**, to demand of King's Justices the **delibery of Clerks** imprisoned at Somerton. Same date. Comm.

Bp. to his Official. Warrant for admission of **Friars**, licensed pursuant to "super cath.," to preach in churches and other competent places. To be published by Archds. and others. Same date. Litt. pro Fratribus.

Fol. 16*a*.

Bp. to his Official, bidding him publish the Pope's[a] appointment of the 5th Feria after Octave of Pentecost as **Corpus Xti. Day**, to be kept with great solemnity. The people to be exhorted on previous Sunday to qualify themselves for Reception by penitence and almsdeeds. Litt. Officiali.

Wyveliscombe, 2 Non. June, 1318.

[a] A.D. 1264.

Commenda. **Bp. to Archd. of Taunton.** Admit Will., Rect. of Yarlington, to "commenda" of **Rect. of Chedzoy,** vacant by dimission of **Mich. de Drokensford,** the Bp.'s nephew, under the decree "execrab." Greenwich, Jan. 23, 1317–8.

Coronati apud Keynsham. *(In later hand.)* One Candidate from Sarum Diocese by Litt. dim.; two from Keynsham.

Fol. 16*b*.

Inst. MEM.—**Will. de Godyneland,** Pr., inst. to a moiety of the Chantry of **la Hildehall.**[a] Pat., Sir Jo. de Clyvedon. Beverston, 6 Kal. July, 1318.

[a] Chapel in Clevedon parish.

Inst. MEM.—**Will. de Crauthorn** inst. **Rect. of Charlynch.** Pat., Ric. de Chambernon (*illa vice*). Froxfield, July 9.

Inst. MEM.—**Walter de Iselep** inst. **Rect. of Bawdrip.** Pat., Rich. Lovel, Knt. Vacancy occurs "per artationem" (stringency) of "Plurales" Decree. Pirbright, 2 Id. July.

Inst. MEM.—**Gilbert de Carleford,** Clerk (one year's study granted), inst. **Rect. of St. John's, Ilchester.** Pat., the King. Same date.

Ind. Archd. Wells to induct.

Commenda. MEM.—**Robt. de Montfort,** Pr., admitted to **Babcary** in Commendam. Pat., Sir Jo. Erlegh.

NOTE.—Commenda suspended on a friend promising to act as sequestrator till induction of R. de M. Rockborne, 4 Non. Aug.

Coll. Prioratus. **Bp. to Jo. de Alresford,** Cath. Vicar. Collates him to Priorship of **Lady Chapel, Wells,** during pleasure. Cheddar, 18 Kal. Sept., 1318.

Lic. Peregrinandi. Licence to **Rect. of Oare (Lynton),** to visit the Roman[b] Curia for pilgrimage, and for his business; with commendation to the goodwill of the faithful. Banwell, Aug. 28.

[b] *i.e.*, Avignon, beginning to take the place of the "Limina Apostolorum" at Rome, as an object of pilgrimage.

NOTE.—To return by Christmas. His deputy admitted by Bp. at Wyveliscombe.

MEM.—**Tho., Chaplain of Crych** (Creech), submitted to Bp's. mercy for his contempt, and made fine 40*s.*, payable under bond. Blackford, Sept. 5, 1318. **Obligatio pro contemptu.**

MEM.—**John de Champflur** appointed Bailiff of Manors of **Banwell, Cheddar,** and **Compton,** and received his warrant. Blackford, Michaelmas, 12 Ed. II. **Comm.**

Fol. 17*a*.

Bp. to Pope. Certifying his execution of the Papal Const. **"Contra Plurales."** Some pluralists have come to him and surrendered, others surrendered in the Diocese of their abode; but whether the benefices were surrendered ("dimissa") or forfeited ("perdita") is not clear to him. The Rect. of Brean is holding Roborough (too poor to be taxed), both in lay patronage, and without dispensation; no one else. **Certificatorium de Beneficiis dimiss.**

London, 8 Kal. June, 1318. Sec. cursum Ecclæ. Anglic.

Total of Benefices surrendered to Bp.: Chedzoy, 30 mks.; Uphill, 10 mks.; Bawdrip, 12 mks.; Babcary, 20 mks.; Curry Malet, 15 mks.; Aston Clinton,[a] 30 mks.

[a] In Bucks, Linc. Dio., but held by Rect. of Street, Somer., and therefore surrendered in this Diocese.

Petition of Abp. and Suffragans to the Pope. The movement against Plurality has caused populous cures to lie vacant; there is a scarcity of "curati"; in some cures foreigners are found, placed by your predecessor; men who know not the *bleat* of their flocks; hence the laity are chilled, and retort on us, when we stir them to their duty. The state of Church and Kingdom demands remedy; the harvest great, laborers few. We pray that we may at once provide for the churches in clerical patronage (see schedule), and that you may hear more with your own ears from Andrew de Bruges, the bearer, who is worthy of your confidence and patronage. **Supplicatio fact. Papae per Archiepum. Cant.**

No date, but may share the previous one. The patronage of the cures vacated by the "Plurales" Const. was apparently reserved to the Pope. Schedule named is not entered.

Fol. 17*b*.

Lic. conc. quaestuariis, &c.

Bp. to Officials of the Dean, &c., &c., and to **Parish Priests**, commending to alms of faithful St. Tho. (the Martyr) Hosp., Eastbridge, Kent, but saving the claims of Wells Cath.

Blackford, 2 Non. Sept., 1318.

Fol. 18*a*.

Comm. ad Predic.

Bp. to his Official, publishing the official list of **Friars Preachers**, licensed under "super cath.," to preach in Diocese at such places and hours as may suit the Parish priests. No others allowed. Pucklechurch, 9 Kal. July, 1318.

Like warrants for Friars of Bristol (Minors, Augustine, and Carmelites), and Minors of Bridgwater.

Comm. ad dedicand. Altaria.

J., Bp. of Winton, to Bp. Licence to consecrate in **Drokensford**[a] church, honored by the Bishop, the high altar and others newly restored, and also portable altars.

Southwark, 2 Non. Feb., 1316.

[a] Hodie Droxford, Hants, the Bp's. family-place; possibly he held the benefice at some time.

Lic. Stud.

MEM.—To **Rect. of Charlynch**, Crauthorn, for one year.

Wyveliscombe, 6 Id. Sept., 1318.

Comm.

MEM.—**Bp. to two Canons.** To sift Inquisition "de Vacatione" of **Donyate**, and (if approved) to institute **Tho. de Apton.** Pat., Will de Montacute.

Fol. 18*b*.

Absolutio Jo. Wodcok.

Formula of Absolution pronounced at Wyveliscombe on **J. W. of S. Petherton**, excommunicated for violence to David, the Bp.'s and the church's servant. The two incumbents commissioned to proceed against him are to publish his Absolution in such churches as the penitent may desire. Sept., 1317.

Litt. direct. Ballivis pro denariis viridis cerae levandis.

Bp. to all his Bailiffs, ordering them to levy the Green-wax Fees[b] (denarios), and pay to James de Molyns, the Bailiff of the Franchise. Wyveliscombe, Sept. 17.

[b] Fees payable to the Crown on Estreats by the Sheriffs who collected them from the Hundreds of which the Bp. was Lord.

MEM.—**Bp. ordained J. de G.**, Rect. of St. Publicius, Bangor Diocese, by litt. dim. (recited) from Bp. of B. at Wyveliscombe on Sunday after Nat. B. M. 1318. Qualiter J. de Gloucester ordinatus.

Sealed certificate given.

MEM.—**Licence to Will. de Halsewell** to have mass celebrated by his chaplain in his oratory in **Halsewell Court**, on super altar. Same date. Lic.

MEM.—**Will. de Draughton**, Pr., instituted **Vic. of Frome**, vice T. Mayne, resigned. Pat., Cirencester Abbey. Same date. Inst.

Archd. of Wells to induct. Ind.

MEM.—**Hugh de Sengham**, Chap., instituted **Rect. of St. John's, Ilchester**, vice Carleford, resigned. Pat., the King. Wyveliscombe, 7 Kal. Oct., 1318. Inst.

Archd. of Wells to induct. Ind.

MEM.—**Bp.** constituted **Will. Pygon** overseer of Administration of the Estate of Rect. of Donyate (Rog. de Wytham); the executors to do nothing without his consent. Wyveliscombe, 16 Kal. Oct. Lit. patens.

Licence for a fortnight to **Jo. de Parys, Vic. of Bridgwater**, to visit the Limina of St. Tho. Martyr (*i.e.*, a pilgrimage to Canterbury). Wyveliscombe, 2 Kal. Oct., 1318. Lic.

Fol. 19*a*.

To Rect. of Burnet, Deac. (Assheton); Stratton-on-Fosse, (Gournay); Curry Malet, subdeac. (Poinz); Greinton, subdeac. (Bristol); Selworthy, subdeac. (Le Deneys); Badgworth, (William); Brompton Ralph, (Fitzurse); Weston, Acol. (Reigny); Oake, subdeac. (Ford); North Barrow, subdeac. (Faringdon). Licentiae Studendi, 1317–18.

George Roges, Rect. of Staple, confessing adultery, was fined at his own request 5 mks., and bound in £10 to abstain from paramour. Sept., 1318. Correctio.

Lic. MEM.—To **John de Ludhuish of L.**, in **Nettlecombe**, to build oratory, with wooden sub-altar and portable super altar, consecrated, and to hear mass. Wyveliscombe, 3 Kal. Oct., 1318.

Inst. MEM.—**Jo. de Clyffe**, Acol., instituted **Rect. of Chiselborough**, vice Robt. Balne, resigned. Pat., Franc. de Aldham, Kt. Same date.

Ind. Archd. of Wells to induct.

Inst. **Hugh de Ponte**, Pr., instituted **Rect. of Freshford**, vice Rob. de Ayshley. Pat., Jo. de Freshford, Kt. Same date.

Ind. Archd. of Bath to induct.

Licence to Friars Gatesby and Donstaple to preach, &c., whilst residing within the Diocese in attendance on the **King's eldest son.** Pucklechurch, Non. Oct., 1318.

Fol. 19*b*.

Quieta Clamantia de maris Cheddre. **Bp. to his Men of Westbury, Priddy, Cheddar, &c.** Quit-claiming to **Rich. de Rodney** and heirs, all his commonage in Stoke Gyfford (*i.e.*, Rodney), save the Mendip pasture. Banwell, 12 Ed. II, Sept.

Test. five Knights, viz., two Hamptons, Baldwyn de Conteville, Rog. de Hanham, Anselm de Gournay, with Phil. le Yreys, and others. Banwell, Sept., 12 Ed. II.

Carta Ric. de Rodney. **Bp. grants to R. de R.** the pasture of **Odathe**, in Manor of Cheddar, in exchange for meadow adjoining Bp's. new enclosure. Same date.

Coll. MEM.—**Rog. Fitzpayne**, Clerk, collated **Rect. of Croscombe** (by lapse). 3 Non. Oct., 1318.

Ind. Archd. of Wells to induct.

Lic. Studendi. MEM.—To three Brothers **Pykeslegh, Rects. of Hutton, Weston**, and **Backwell**, and to **Rect. of Kelston** (Stak).

Comm. Officialis. **Bp. to his Clerk, Will. de Edyngton.** Empowering him to

hear and determine causes (during pleasure), with coercion and correction. Blackford, 2 Kal. Oct., 1318.

Tho. de Chelway declines to accept Rectory of **Croscombe**, offered by Bp. It is worth only 10 mks. The glebe, chancel, and buildings in ruinous disorder. He is entitled by the Pope's provision to a benefice of 25 mks., or sinecure of 18, and will wait for his rights. No date. Liberatio et Responsio sup. beneficio sibi oblato in formâ Provisionis.

It must have preceded Fitzpayne's Collation.

Fols. 20*a*, *b*.
[*Omitted in the original.*]

Fol. 21*a*.

Quit claim to the King of all right in two Manors in Berks (Bp.'s private estate), **Folyeson** and **Hyremore**. Acquitantia de Maneriis, &c.

York, 1st Dec., 12 Ed. II, 1318.

Licence to Prior to lease the impropriate Rectories of **Wollabington, Puriton**, and **Stowey**, for a term (not defined), to John Martel, "our dear Clerk." Lic. conc. Priori de Goldclive.

Wanton, Dec. 31, 1318, 8th of Consecration.

MEM.—**Bp. to Will. de Wyldene**, Pr., instituted to **King's Camel**, Vic., vice Ralph, resigned. Pat., Abb. of Cleve. Inst.

Same date.

The form, being new, is written in full.

Archd. of Wells to induct. Ind.

MEM.—**Henry Owayn**, Pr., instituted **Rect. of Lullington**. Pat., Prior of Longleat. Milton-by-Canterbury, Jan. 15, 1318-9. Inst.

R. de T. having been by some stealth nominated by same patron, and cited to Wells Consistory to account for the transaction, renounces his claim in a deed bearing the officialty seal. Jan. 8. Renunciatio Juris Rad. de Tiscote.

Then follows the Bp.'s statement, that though the Patrons had forfeited their right by their conduct, he had forborne to take advantage of lapse.

Fol. 21*b*.

Inst. MEM.—Will. de Bettville, Clerk, instituted to West Lydford. Pat., Sir Will. Martin. Dec. 19, 1318.

Ind. Archd. of Wells.

Inst. MEM.—Will. de Stawell, instituted by proxy to Newton, by exchange for Thorverton, Worcester Diocese. Pat., Sir Jo. de St. Lo. Jan. 24.

Ind. Archd. Bath.

Inst. MEM.—Tho. de Sloo, in first tonsure, instituted to Bere (? Crocombe). Pat., Jo. de Acton de Bere. Greenwich, Jan. 21.

Ind. Arch. Taunton.

MEM.—Will. de Compton, Pr., instituted to Compton Dando. Pat., Prior of Bath. London, Jan. 18.

Ind. Archd. of Bath.

Inst. MEM.—Robt. de Pabely, Clerk, instituted to W. Quantocks-head. Pat., Will. de Pavely, "illa vice, jure uxoris." London, same date.

Ind. Archd. Taunton.

Obligatio Ric. le Poletier, Mercatori Sarum. Bp.'s Bond (with Sir John Randolf's) to money-lender for £153 3*s*. 4*d*.; first instalment payable at Wells at the Ascension. Evercreech, March 5, 12 Ed. II.

Fol. 22*a*.

Commenda Eccl. de Chedeseye. MEM.—Rect. of Chedzoy committed to Rob., Rect. of Goathill, by consent of patron, Will. de Montacute. Feb. 5, 1318.

The Archd. of Taunton to induct, "tanquam commendatariâ."

In March another letter issued at Patron's request.

Litt. Dim. MEM.—To Tho. de Upton, Rect. of Donyatt, for minor orders, *a quovis*, &c. One year's study granted. London, Feb. 5.

The stall, late Hanlo's, conferred on "our Clerk," G. de Egton, "quantum absque incursu censuræ superioris cujuscunque idem facere poterimus." London, Feb. 12. Coll.

No mand. to induct.

G. de E. was an Advocate in the Arches, and probably a pluralist.

Bp. to Stephen, Bishop of London, to effect exchange between J. M., Treasurer of Wells, who had resigned to him, and Canon J. de Bruton, Rect. of Sawbridgworth, Herts, whom the Bishop had collated to Treasurership. Same date. Lit. direct. Epo. Lond. pro Jordan Moraunt.

By this step a foreigner was removed, and a Somerset man, very useful to the Bp., placed at head-quarters.

To Rog. de Longlond, Rect. of High Ham, to seek Priest's Orders. Litt. Dim.

Form of Collation of Treasurer Bruton, "quem investimus pilei nostri traditione." Same date. Coll.

The delivery of the Bp's. Hat gave seisin of the Cathedral dignities.

Bp. to Payan Fitzwarin, Rect. of Shepton Beauchamp, at request of Sir John de Beauchamp. One year's study granted. Banwell, March 12, 1318. Lic. Stud. conc.

Full provisoes.

Fol. 22*b*.

Bp. to Dean of Arches. Commission to receive Canon Estdene's resignation of Stall in Wells, and to collate (in exchange) Matth. Husee, Rect. of Pulborough, Chichester. Banwell, Mar. 12. Comm. ad resignand.

Bp. to John Gourny, Rect. of Chelworth, to hear confessions of all our "parochiani," lay and clerical, even in cases reserved to Bp., except wilful perjury. The same to Vic. of Frome and to Vic. of Yeovil. Cheddar, March 10. Comm. ad audiend. Confessiones.

MEM.—Hildebrand de Ramsbury collated Vic. of Ilton. Pat., Bp., during vacancy of Stall. Evercreech, March 11. Coll. Vic. de Ilton.

Comm. ad Exigend. Laicum.

Bp. to Archd. of Wells, two Canons, and his Official. Commission to demand of the King's Justices at the gaol-delivery at Somerton, **Will. Brinton, a layman,** who sought sanctuary at **Chedzoy** church, and was carried off thence to Somerton Gaol whilst holding the door-ring. He is to be restored to the place whence taken, so as to be within ecclesiastical jurisdiction.

Banwell, March 11.

Comm. ad audiend. Confessiones.

MEM.—**Vic. of St. Mary le Stalls, Bath,** to be Penitentiary (? for city) of Bath. Banwell, March 17, 1318–9.

Lic. absentandi.

MEM.—**Will., Rect. of St. Michael's, Northgate,** Bath, licensed for one year's study. Same date.

MEM.—Another year's licence granted to **Rect. of Seabington,** for service under the Countess of Gloucester. Same date.

Fol. 23*a*. [*Broken dates.*

Very faint. A deed of sale by Will. Peverel to Bp. of private estate in reversion at Newtown-by-Boscombe; a fine to pass in King's Court.

Articuli inter Epum. et Capit.

Present in Street Chapel:— 4 Kal. Oct., 1321.

Bp., Dean, Archd. of Wells, Chancellor, Treasurer, and eight other Canons.

Art. 1. Bp. ratifies his concession, as drafted in London, of the vacant benefices claimed by D. and C.

„ 2. Bp. yields the jurisdiction claimed by Dean.

„ 3. Also that claimed by the Archdeacons, saving Bp.'s Proventions, *i.e.*, synodals and procurations.

„ 4. Bp. will appoint commissaries to inquire into the immunities claimed by the dignities.

„ 5. Touching St. Columban's Chapel in Cheddar, inquiry shall be made, and precedent shall rule.

Art. 6. Touching Bp.'s procurations for consecration of prebendal churches, the D. and C. are to state their case.

„ 7. Touching the impounding of the Dean's cattle in Cheddar Moor, the Bp. will do justice according to the verdict of two Knights and two Canons (named).

„ 8. The 100 mks. borrowed from the deposit at Wells, the Bp. will repay at Easter.

„ 9. Touching arrears (£120) in *re* Charlton, claimed by D. and C., Bp. will pay on proof of liability.

„ 10. Touching the mitres, staff, and jewels, the Bp. will pay on appraisement.

„ 11. For the revenues of the Chancellorship (during vacancy ?) Bp. will pay the Chancellor.

„ 12. The "malefactors" shall be dismissed the Bp.'s service, and shall make satisfaction to God, to the Church, and to the injured, before Michaelmas.

The Bp.'s servants, even within the Palace of Wells, were subject to the Dean's spiritual jurisdiction.

See full text in App. I, p. 146, Reynolds' "Wells Cathedral," and sequel, recording the completed pacification.

Bp. to D. and C. His kinsman, **Andrew de Drokensford,** being in the University, "insistens studio," has asked him to mediate touching arrears accruing to the Chapter from his prebend when vacant. Bp. will appoint three Canons to be "manucaptores" of the autumnal fruits, out of which to pay the arrears, and retain the rest. The Bp. adds his bond. Litt. pro fructibus Eccl. de Patton.

Then follows the Commission to the three Canons.

Rockborne, Aug. 7, 1322.

Fol. 24*a*.

Pope Gregory[a] to Abps., Suffragans, and minor Prelates, &c.,

[a] If Gregory X, the date is 1273.

forwarding schedule of amounts payable from each English Diocese for **Peter-pence**; extracted from Papal Register for avoidance of doubt. Civita Vecchia, Ann. ij.

The Diocese is liable for £11 5*s*.

Compotus redd. ad Scaccarium de decimâ ann. The account rendered by **Abbot and Conb. of Glaston**, sub-collectors, to the Bp. of Winchester, chief collector of the **Tenth imposed by Pope John XXII on the Clergy.**

In the Bp.'s House, Southwark, Candlemas, 1318.

Acquittance sealed by Bp. April 15, 1319.

Total received £1,149 18*s*. Amongst the deductions are:—For the two Carthusian Houses, Hinton and Witham, £9; for the tenth of the goods of the Bp. of B. and W., "per breve regium,"[a] £55 5*s*.

[a] Probably for the revenues collected by the Crown "sede vacante."

Prima ordinatio Decani Wells. Copied from the Chapter Register. *See* Lib. Alb. i, fol. 31, where it is entitled Bp. Robert's Charter "de ordinatione Prebendarum," A.D. 1136.

It gives the original foundation of the Deanship and Stalls.

Resign. Archidiaconi. **Tho. de Charlton** resigns **Wells Archdeaconry**, on account of age and blindness. May 24, 1326.

Comm. fact. Decano ad conferend. Archidiaconatum. **Bp. to Dean Godelee.** Commission to receive the resignation and to induct successor; also to assign pension out of the Archid. revenues. Woky, June 6th.

Fol. 24*b*.

Coll. **Dean (Godelee) to Canon Robt. de Wamberg**, reciting letters—

(1) From Bp. of B. and W. to Dean, stating that exchange was proposed between **Wybert de Lyttelton, Archd. and Canon of Wells**, and **Canon Robt. de Wamberg, Rect. of Stepel Labington**, Sarum, bidding him examine reasons, and, if approved, to accept needful resignations, and collate Robt. to the Archdy. and Stall, and induct. Banwell, June 11, 1326.

(2) From **Roger Bp. of Sarum, to Dean G.**, Ramsbury, with like powers, *mutatis mutandis.* Same date.

Fol. 25*a.*

Pursuant whereto the Dean, approving the reasons of resignation, confers the Archdy. by delivery of his Hat.

Then follow the resignations of the two parties, each conditional upon obtaining the benefice sought.

Fol. 25*b.*

Award by Bp. between Dean and Subdean in *re* jurisdiction. *Crossed out.* Banwell Chapel, Jan., 1310.

Fol. 26*a.*

See Lib. Alb. i, fol. 156, for this award. A.D. 1310. **Ordinatio sup. Jurisdict. Dec. et Sub-decani.**

Fol. 26*b.*

NOTE.—"Vacat, quia nil tunc actum fuit prout subscribitur." **Lit. testimon. de sentent. lata contra Will. de Patton.**

The substance is that the Bp. after inquiry into the Subdean's claims of jurisdiction, made to the Dean's injury, mulcted the former in ten casks of wine at 40*s.* the cask. Jan., 1310.

A capitular recognition of the duty of the dignitaries "continuo residere," and to be priests. May 7, 1313. **Consuetudinarium Eccl. Well.**

Passage extracted by D. and C. from old custom-book used in Wells Cathedral, and accessible for reference. *See* Lib. Alb. i, fol. 119:—

"*Ordo Presbyterorum.*

"The four Dignities, besides the Subdean and Succentor, are to reside continuously, without any but the most evident necessity to excuse them."

Also in Bp. Jocelin's Statutes is the following definition of residence :—

"Residentes interpretamur, quoad participationem residui in fine anni, omnes illos canonicos qui per medium anni (sive continue, sive interpolatim) fecerint residentiam, præter Dec. Prec. Canc. et Thes. quos interpretamur residentes, si per ij partes anni fecerint residentiam, quoad participationem residui supradicti.

"Tenetur etiam pro firma, quod iv personæ (*i.e.*, the Dignities) debent esse sacerdotes, et onus officii sacerdotalis, nomine dignitatum suarum, subire."

Fol. 27*a*.

Beginning of another Register, dating from Bp. D.'s Consecration at Canterbury, A.G. 1309. [*Title very faint.*

Hic subnotantur sententiae latae in transgressores.

Ann. 1253.—27 Hen. III, 3 Id. May, **King and Council** in Westminster Hall (names given).—A form of **Excommunication** agreed on against all who should transgress the Charters and Liberties of the Kingdom.

Then follow—

(1) **The form of Sentence,** a copy whereof, sealed by all present, was sent to Wells, to be published in Cath., and is now to be seen in Chapter Library.

See Lib. Alb. i, fol. 228.

(2) **Ratification by Pope Innocent** of the Form of Anathema (recited). Anagni, 2 Kal. Oct.—12th of Pont.

Dispens. ad Stud.

MEM.—To **Edmund de London, Rect. of Lympelsham,** for one year. London, Dec. 22, 1309.

Fol. 27*b*.

Custod. Eccl. Bageworth.

Bp. to John de Retford, Pr., giving him charge of the Church

of **Badgworth**, and of the presentee,[a] **Will. de Hampton**, "cum "omnibus juribus eccl.," "ne sanguis animarum de nobis requiratur." Pat., Jo. de Hampton. Stanewell, same date.

By Archd. Wells. Ind. in Custodiam.

Bp. to John de Burton, giving him charge of **Chilton** Church by Bridgwater, and of the presentee,[a] **Rich. de St. Clare**, in like terms. 4th Jan., 1309, Ersfunt (? Urchfont, Wilts). Cust. Eccl. de Chilton.

[a] These presentees were boys of good birth, not yet in first tonsure, or they would have ranked as "clerici." The "custodes" had to act as tutors, educating the young rectors, "per se aut per alios," out of the rectorial revenues, and to provide for the spiritual duties of the cure.

Archd. Taunt. Ind.

Bp. to Archd. of Wells, bidding him inquire into state of houses, chancel, "ornamenta," of E. Coker Ch., and to cite executors of late Rect., **Robt. de St. Nicolas**, at instance of new Rect., **Will. de Middelton**. Rockborne, Jan. 9, 1309. Litt. inquisit. conc. Rect. de Estcoker.

Bp. to Henry, illegitimate son of Will. the Fisher, of Attebere, acol., reciting (in full) Papal Bull, authorising Bp., after inquiry into qualifications, to dispense with his disabilities. Bp. declares him, after inquiry, dispensed. Ersefonte, Jan. 1309–10. Legitimatio, &c.

Fol. 28*a*.

MEM.—To **Rich. de Forde**, Deac., **Rect. of Bradford**, to seek Priesthood. London, Dec., 1309. Dimissa.

Peter, Abbot of Lonley (Dio. Caen), **to Bp.**, presenting Peter de Grana for institution as Prior of the Cell of Stogursey, vacant by recall of Vincent Tybout. Negot. tangens Priorem de Stoke Curcy.

Commission to Antony, the Bp.'s Official, to inquire into precedents, especially as to Abbot's right of recall.

Official's Report, viz., that the recall without Bp.'s consent was not regular. Wells, Jan. 11.

Bp. to Peter de Grana, Monk of Lonley, instituting him to the Priorship, "salva dignitate ecclesiarum Cathedralium."
Rockborne, Jan. 11, 1309–10.

Dispens., &c. **Bp. to Will. de Middelton, Rect. of East Coker,** for two years' study. Rockborne, Jan. 17.

Litt. direct. Rectori de Burnham. **Bp. to Henry, Rect. of B.,** directing him to pay to the Chapter the £10 charged by his predecessors upon the Rectory.
Rockborne, Jan. 24.

Bp. to Chapter, stating his wish to follow the late Bp.'s mind touching the appropriation of **Burnham,** and touching the charge of £10, and generally to augment the "Divinus cultus" in the Cath.; bids them await his arrival. Meanwhile he had bidden the Rect. of B. to pay, and thus relieve the Chaplains.
Rockborne, same date.

Fol. 28*b*.

Creatio Penitent. in Archd. Tanton. **Bp. to Ralph, Rect. of West Quantockshead,** to be Penitentiary for all our "parochiani" in T. Archdy. for all cases, save wilful perjury. Rockborne, same date.

For Bath Archdy.—**Roger, Vic. of St. Mary de la Redeclybe.**

For whole Diocese—**Roger de Cretlington, Monk of Bath; Maurice de Esse, Vicar of Cath.**

For Wells Archdy.—**J., Vic. of Barton.**

For Taunton Archdy.—**W., Vic. of Bridgwater.**

All appointed in same terms, and during pleasure.

The first was probably only for the Deanery of Dunster, as intimated by interline.

Litt. pro Catallis. **Bp.'s Petition to the King,** for restoring goods of **Robt. de Oldelond,** Clerk, delivered from Somerton Gaol by King's Justices to Bp. Haselschawe, before whom he was purged of his crimes of burglary, &c. London, Nov. 29, 1309.

Commission to John, Bp. of Llandaff, to ordain in Lent somewhere within Diocese. Cancelled Feb. 18. Comm. fact. Dno. Landavensi.

Rockborne, Jan. 26.

Bp. to Prior of Bath, touching the interests "monasterii nostri et vestri." He has commissioned (under date Feb. 18) **Bp. of Ll.** to ordain (reciting terms). Lit. missa Priori.

Robt. de Sutton may serve **Cellarership,** as wished, for a time, and so earn credit, and also hold Sacristan's place until Bp.'s arrival. Dogmersfield, Feb. 3, 1309–10. Fol. 29*a*.

Bp. to his Bailiff at Drokensford, bidding him pay out of the fruits of his Church of D.,[a] for his life, to the Sacristan of St. Swithun's of Winchester (*i.e.*, the Cath.), 10 silver mks., less 1 for the Tenth. Droxford, last day of Jan., 1309–10. Une Lettre aur Bailif. (*In French.*)

[a] Was he incumbent or lessee?

MEM.—To **Nich. Ganard, Rect. of Earl's Norton** (St. Philip), to seek Priest's orders, "ad instantiam Fratris Robt. de Sutton." Esthampsted, ij Non. Feb. Dimiss.

Mutual Acquittance in full between **Bp. and Jo. de London,** a Southampton merchant, for wines, lead, and various contracts. Finalis Comp. inter Epum, &c.

Greenwich, Feb. 10, 1309–10.

The Bishop of Durham (Antony Bek) having collated **Roger de Waltham** to Prebend in Ch. of **Chester-le-Street,** lately held by Bp. Drok., Bp. D. consents to his successor receiving the autumnal fruits in lieu of dilapidations. Coll. Preb. de Cestre, &c.

London, Feb. 13, 1309–10.

Bp. to Archd. of Wells. Tho. de Hemyngford, Pr., being presented as **Rect. of Weston**[b] by Robt. de Montacute, pat. Custodia Sequestri, &c.

[b] Called below Weston juxta Montem acutum. It must be Weston Bamfield, under the conspicuous hill of Cadbury and next to Sutton Montacute. It was in Montacute patronage.

(vice Benfield, resigned), the Archd. is to induct his Proctor into the "Custodia," until presentee shall come for institution.

Feb. 17.

Dispens. **Bp. to Walter de Gothurst,** Acol. Certificate, under seal, of dispensation from illegitimacy, granted pursuant to Pope's mandate, after inquiry. London, Feb. 17.

Fol. 29*b*.

Dispens. ad Stud. To **Adam Hildebrond, Rect. of Kingsdon,** Acol., for one year. London, Feb. 28, 1309–10.

Inst. **Bp. to John de Messingham,** Pr., instituting him to **Rect. of North Petherton.** Pat., Will. de Tottehale, Prior of St. Jo., Jerusalem. Greenwich, March 4.

Ind. Arch. of Taunton.

Admissio Will. de Valletort, &c., et Lic. ad Stud. **Bp.** admits **W. de V.** to **Rect. of Charlynch,** and gives him a year's leave. Pat., Hugh de Valletort.

Ind. Bp. to Archd. of Taunt. to induct. W. de V. is admitted, not instituted. London, Feb. 25.

Inst. **Bp. to Tho. de Hempngford.** Letters of Institution to **Weston juxta Montem acutum,** thus cancelling the writ above. Greenwich, March 5.

Ind. Archd. of Wells. A year's leave for study before ordination is granted.

Comm. ad Exam. Elect. de Stabordale. **Bp. to Dean and to Antony Bradney,** Official. Commission to examine the Process of Election, and Person of the **Prior-elect** of Collegiate Church of **Stabordale, Canon Walter de Eton,** and after public challenge (pursuant to the Constitution of Pope Boniface), to pronounce its validity, and do all else in Bp.'s behalf, sparing the poverty of the House by simpler process. Greenwich, March 8.

Litt. Proclam. sup. eodem. **Bp. to Archd. of Wells.** The Coll. Church of Stavordale is vacant by death of Robt. de Charlton, "congé d'élire" has been

obtained from Pat., Rich. Lovel, and the Elect has been presented for confirmation; proclaim the election in Churches of Stavordale, Bruton, and neighbourhood, citing objectors to Consistory at Wells. Same date.

Fol. 30*a*.

MEM.—To **Philip Lobel**, of Leye (Leigh) juxta Bristol, Deac., to seek Priest's orders. Greenwich, March 11, 1309–10. Dimiss.

MEM.—To **Rect. of East Coker**, Acol., to seek two steps. Same date. Dim.

MEM.—To **John of Nony**, Deac., to seek Priest's orders. March 12. Dim.

Bp. to Rich. de Plymstock, granting the houses in Wells City, lately held by Canon Nich. de Wells, which Rich. had repaired, saving to late tenant an occasional occupation. Greenwich, March 17. Dimissio domorum.

To **Tho. Brice**, Pr., **Rect. of Sebeburgh** (Seaborough), recommended by "our Clerk," Tho. de Harewell, as zealous of learning, for one year, with leave to lease benefice; lessee to garner the crops on Church-land. Greenwich, March 12. Disp ad Studend.

Bp. to Hen. Camin, of N. Petherton, illegitimate, reciting Pope's mandate; he licenses him, after inquiry, for ordination and benefice. March 18, 1309–10. Dispens.

MEM.—**Roger Stremy**, Pr., instituted to **Vic. of South Petherton.** Pat., Prior of Bruton. Wanton, March 27, 1310. Archd. of Taunt. to induct. Inst.

MEM.—To **John de Patton**, Deac., for Priest's orders. Walton, same date. Dimissorium.

MEM.—**Bp.**, by Apostolic (*i.e.*, Papal) mandate, admitted "quantum in se fuit," **Adam de Orleton**, "cui Papa contulit canon. prox. vacantem, non bursalem, in Eccl. Well," and enjoined Dean to instal him "in Canonicum quantum ad eos pertinet.' Walton, March 29. Admissio.

Fol. 30*b*.

Custod. Eccl. de Berewyk. **Bp. to Archd. of Wells.** The vacant Church of **Berwick** is committed to **Adam Trapp**, Clk., the Presentee. Induct his Proctor "in custod." Wanton, March 31.

Vacat. Collation of **Jo. de Winchester**, Clk., to Stall of John de Cadamo.

Struck out. *See* below. Collation voided by Papal Provision.

Custod. **Bp. to Archd. of Wells. Will. de Karkeney**, being presented to Rect. of Sparkford (vice Thomas, deceased) by Matilda, widow of Philip Burnel, and not instituted, induct his Proctor as "custos sequestri," until he comes for institution. April 5, 1310.

This letter granted to John de Staunton, his uncle.

Dimissio iij monachis. MEM.—To three Keynsham monks, Acolites, to seek two steps in the ministry. Greenwich, April 3.

Admissio Petri de Brignencourt, &c. **Bp. to Peter de B.**, Canon of Wells, and Clerk of the Queen, admitting him, "ob reverentiam Sanctæ Sedis," to Stall (late de Cadamo's) granted by Pope, "juxta processum," in which the Bp. of London and the Abp. were parties. Walton, April 9.

Dean to induct the "Provisus" by Proxy.

Citatio. **Bp. to Official of Taunt. Archdeaconry. Tho. Coude**, who is in possession of Church of **Staple**, being pronounced by the Arches Court, to which we owe obedience, perjured, and therefore disabled from cure of souls, is to be cited to Bath Cath. to show cause why he should not be deprived of benefice.

Fol. 31*a*.

Comm. sup. eodem. **Bp. to Canon Bradney**, and Robt. de Glo'ster, Canon of Probus, and Nich. Gaillard, Rect. of Curry Rivel. Commission to proceed against Tho. Coude, and to deprive.

Dogmersfield, April 15.

Inst. **Bp. to Adam de Ilminstre**, instituting him to **Vic. of Muchelney.** Pat., the Abbot. Grateley, May 4.

Ind. Archd. Wells.

To **John Gunny**, Chapl., **Rect. of Chilworth** (? Chelwood), for one year. Drokensford, May 6. Lic. Stud.

Bp. to his Official, or Commissary-General, to sequestrate the revenues of **Staple** effectively. Drokensford, May 5. Sequestrum de Staple.

Bp. to Walter Janyn, Acol., illegitimate, licensing him, after Pope's letter and inquiry, to seek orders, &c. Drokensford, May 7. Dispensatio.

MEM.—**Will. de Wengrave**, Clerk, instituted to **Rect. of Staple Fitzpaine**. Pat., Robt. Fitzpaine, sen. Tythefeld, May 22. Inst.

Archd. Taunt. to induct. Sequestration relaxed.

Fol. 31*b*.

Bp. of Sarum to Bp. of B. and W., consenting to the latter holding a general ordination in Wereford[a] Church, on the Ember Saturday of Pentecost. London, May 31, 1310. Comm. fact. Epo.

[a] *Or*, Bereford.

Granted by **Geoffry, Abbot of Glastonbury**, to John Dewe of Sowy, "ab opere nayvitatis et conditione," so as to enter holy orders. South Brent, June 18, 1309. Manumissio.

Bp. to Dean and two Canons. Commission to hear case of **John Campion**, presented by Sir Jo. Beauchamp to **Chap. of G. B.**, vice John Benet, late Rector, and to institute and induct him, if worthy. Rockborne, July 17, 1310. Comm. tangens Cap. de Gosebradene.

Bp. to Dean of Crewkerne. **Roger la Warre** claims the patronage of **Goose-braddon Chap.**; cite him to Wells to show cause why John Campion should not be instituted, by virtue of compact between him and Sir Jo. Beauchamp; informing said Roger that whether he comes or not, we shall proceed, "quatenus de jure fuerit," to admission. Rockborne, same date. Citatio sup. eodem.

MEM.—To **Rich.**, son of **Barth. de Astington**, illegitimate, as certified by the Official of the Archd. of Wells. (No Papal mandate.) Drokensford, May 12. Dispens.

Dispens. MEM.—To **Tho.**, son of **Will. de la Wythie**, of Wells, illegitimate, certified by Dean's Official. Easton Crux, June 29.

Inst. **Bp. to Will. de Herlaston**, Acol., instituting him to **Rect. of Corfton (Corton) Dynham.** Pat., the King, in wardship of heir of Joceus de Dynham. Greenwich, July 7, 1310.

Archd. of Wells to induct.

Fol. 32*a*.

Litt. dimiss. MEM.—To **Adam Hilbebrond, Rect. of Kyngesdon**, Subdeacon, to seek higher orders. Greenwich, July 4.

Lic. ad Stud. **Bp. to Tho. de Oxon, Rect. of Rode**, for one year, on request of Will. Martin, "vir nobilis." Same date.

Full provisoes.

Dim. To **Will. de Wengrave, Rect. of Staple**, Clerk, and to **Will. de Herlaston, Rect. of Corton**, Acolite, to seek higher orders, "a quovis." Same date.

Comm. Penitentiarii. **Bp. to Rich. Gatecombe**, Friar Preacher, authorising him to hear confessions through Diocese, in matters reserved for the Bp. Greenwich, July 15.

Lit. porrecta Procuratoribus in Curia Rom. **Bp. to Ralph de Lacu and Will. de Cliterne**, retaining their services in the **Curia**, at competent salary. A process, with copy of letter to Pope, is sent by bearers. The news of the Curia, "quæ nobis nuncianda videritis," are to be forwarded, when bearers can be found. Easthampstead, ante Gulam Aug.

The Proctor's Comm. is found in the quaternum of Patents.

Lit. porrecta Dno. Papae. **Bp. to Pope.** Having received by Peter, Canon of Bourdeaux, the papal grant to **Amaneu** (son of Count Astariacus) of the Wells **Treasurership**, to be executed under heavy penalties, Bp. deems it due to the Holy Father to explain facts. The King, as guardian of temporalities, "sede vacante," presented

Jordan Morant, whom he, being Bp. elect, admitted, as in duty bound. He begs that these facts may be weighed.

Esthampsted, July 30.

Like letter to Peter Amaliuni, with additional clause.

The above Deed of Proxy and Letters were delivered "sub manu[a] publica.," at Esthampsted, to two notaries of Cardinal Thomas, to be handed to the Proctors. Present: H. de Sandwych (Archd. of Bath), Tho. de Harewell, J. de Burton, &c.

[a] *i.e.*, in presence of Notary.

Bp. to Bp. of Sarum. Having been induced to present **John de Caperidge,** Clerk, insufficient in letters, but young and zealous to learn, to the **Chapelry of Hannay, Berks,** he begs his brother fraternally, after inquiry, to admit the presentee, who has been legitimated in the Roman Curia. **Lit. direct. Dno. Sarum.**

Rockborne, Aug. 16, 1310.

Bp. to D. and C. Glad to hear that the **Portioners** in the common pasture of their **moors at N. Curry** (without whose consent the ownership of soil would be profitless) agree to apportionment and separate use, to their great advantage; he consents heartily, as asked, to the appropriation, "salvo jure cujuslibet et nostro." The D. is enjoined to compel payment of what is due to the prebend of Canon N. de Welles, or to expect proceedings. Same date. **Lit. missa Cap. pro communa pasturae de N. Cur**

Fol. 33*a*.

Bp. to Dean. Has admitted Adam de O., "Prof. Juris Canonici," to **Preb. of Wandesrte** (Wanstrow), assigned to him by Pope. He is to be inducted. Greenwich, Sept. 2, 1310. **Ind. Adae de Orleton.**

i.e., anticipating a vacancy. He was installed as Prebendary of Wanstrow in September. He became Bp. of Hereford in 1317.

MEM.—To **John de Carslegh, Rect. of Greinton,** Deacon, to seek Priest's orders. Greenwich, Aug. 29. **Dimiss.**

Inst. Bp. to John Karkenye, Clerk, instituting him to Rect. of Sparkford; with leave to study one year, and to seek two steps in orders. Pat., Matilda Burnel. London, Oct. 17.

Ind. Archd. Wells.

Inst. et Ind. MEM.—John de Holte, Acol., instituted to Rect. of Arithlington. Pat., Gilbert Lovel, Canon of Sarum. London, Nov. 22.

Commenda. Bp. to Archd. of Wells. John de Hele, Pr., of Saltford, presented to Rect. of Radstock, is to be inducted in commendam, "the interests of the cure demanding it;" other claimants to be cited and deprived. Pat., Sir Will. Bluet, as guardian of heir of Hen. de Montfort. Esthamsted, Nov. 22.

Walter de Sackville, last Rector.

Fol. 33*b*.

Inst. et Ind. Robt. de Halghtre (Hallatrow?), Pr., instituted Vic. of St. Decuman's. Pat., Canon Robt. de Gloster. Dean to induct. London, Nov. 11, 1310.

Inst. et Ind. MEM.—John de Massingham, instituted to Rect. of Elworthy. Pat., Prior of St. John of Jerus. Nov. 19.

Laurence de Cherleton to Rect. of N. Petherton. Same Pat. and date.

Archd. of Taunt. to induct both.

Inst. et Ind. MEM.—Bp., at Whetecumb-juxta-Frome, admitted George Roges, Acol., to Rect. of Porlock. Pat., Hen. Roges, filius. Dec. 20.

Ind. ordered.

Lic. Warini. Bp. admitted Warin, Pr., to Stockland Rect. Pat., Master of St. Mark's Hosp., Bristol. Same date.

Ind. ordered.

Lic. Stud. To Rich. de Forde, Rect. of Bradford, for one year.

Lic. Stud. To John de Roges, Rect. of Selworthy, for one year.

Lic. Stud. To Hen. de Bois, Rect. of Timsbury, for one year.

Commission from **Vicar of Archd. of Canterbury** (an Italian), to two Proctors, to fulfil the Archd.'s duty of **enthroning the Bp.** (day not specified). Canterbury, St. And. Day, 1310. Comm. ad inthronan. aut installand. Epum.

MEM.—Bp. collated **Robt. de Clipston,** kinsman of Bp. Walter (Langton) of Coventry, to Stall of **Buckland,** vice Walter de Clipston, deceased. Dean to induct. Coll. Canonici.

Woky, Thursday before Epiph.

R. de St. Clare, Acol., instituted to **Rect. of Chilton-by-Bridgwater.** Ind. ordered. Woky, Jan. 5, 1310–11. Inst. R. de St. Clare, et Ind.

MEM.—**Rich. de Alam,** Clerk, illegitimate, received Letter of Dispensation, on authority of Berengar, Papal Penitentiary. Dispens.

Banwell, Jan. 24.

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Bp. to Elias de Coleshill, instituting him, at instance of Nic. de Longlond, to **Vic. of S. Brent.** Pat., Archd. of Wells. Coll. et Ind.

Bp. collated, as to a lapsed benefice, one who had obtained irregular admission, "sede vacante." He was required to resign in writing, previously.

MEM.—**Will. de Valletort,** "alias admissus," received his Letter of Institution to **Charlynch,** dated March, 1309. Inst.

Lydford Rect., vacant by resignation of John de Charnbury, committed, under sequestration, to **H. de Th.,** presented by Sir Will. Martin, Pat. Jan. 31. Custodia Seq. fact. Hen. de Thorp.

Bp. admitted **Jo. de Bosco** to **Rect. of S. Cadbury.** Pat., Margery, widow of J. de Bosco. Yatton, Jan. 25, 1310–11. Inst. et Ind.

Ind. ordered.

Bp. to his Clergy and People. In behalf of collectors in aid of **Lepers' House of St. Mary Magd., Langport.** They are to be admitted to churches on festivals, and not hindered, "sub pœnâ excomm.," from carrying away the alms. Lit. concessa Leprosis.

Chew, Jan. 29, 1310–11.

Lit. de Coadjutore de Waynesford.

Bp. to Archd.'s Official, Taunton. Will., the blind Vic. of **Winsford,** is starved by his coadjutor, Roger de Stratton; displace Roger and cite him to Wells Consistory to render his accounts, the first week in Lent. Empower someone else, nominated by Vic., if approved by you, for the Cure. No date.

Lic. dimittendi.

Bp. to Francis, Rect. of Newton St. Lo. Licence to lease his benefice for four years, "alicui fidedigno." Amongst other provisoes, "debitum subventionis suffragium tuo periclo pauperibus erogetur." Pucklechurch, Dec. 23, 1310.

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Lit. Guilhelm de Cofta, Priori de Burh.

Letter from the **Pope's collectors** to the **Prior of Durham,** subcollector, requiring him to reduce his charge on Rectory of Boldon (lately held by Bp. Drokensford) from £16 to £4. Oct. 1, 1310.

Letter from the same to **Prior and Conv. of Durham,** subcollectors of Pope Nicolas' grant of Tenth for six years. The arrears due from Boldon and from Lameley portion are to be recovered not from Bp. D., but from the executors of his predecessors. London, March 5, 1310–11.

Monitio et Citatio pro Registris Predecessorum Dni. habend.

Bp. to Dean. Being much embarrassed for want of our **Predecessors' Registers,** we bid you cite Robt., Provost of Wells, and Henry, Archd. of Taunton, the last Bp.'s executors, to render up such as are needful for administration. Give like monition to Antony Bradney, executor of Bp. William (*i.e.*, de Marchia) and his co-executor. If negligent, cite them before us at Chard second week in Lent. Pucklechurch, Feb. 8, 1310.

Dim.

MEM.—To **Rich. de Alum,** Clerk, to seek orders "a quovis," with sufficient title.

MEM.—To **Jo. de Warlee, Rect. of Walcote,** for one year's study. Rockborn, Feb. 18.

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Registrum pro Instit., Induct., Dispens., et Licen. Studendi, Ann. G. MCCCX et XI—Consecr. II.

Bp. to Rich. de Lincumb, instituting him to **Vic. of Locking**, vice Elias, resigned. Pat., Prior of Worspring. March 11, 1310–11. Inst. Vic. de Lokking.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

Bp. to Archd. of Wells. Adam Trep, presentee of **Berwick** Rect., not appearing at our ordination, was sequestered, but is now released. Allow him the fruits of his benefice. He is "custos sequestri" in another church. Greenwich, May 2, 1311. Relaxatio Sequestri in Eccl. de Berewyk.

Bp. to John de Wynchelsea, Clerk, kinsman of the Abp., collating him on account of his virtues to **Stall at Wells.** Greenwich, May 3, 1311. Coll. Prebendae quae fuit Will. de Carleton.

Inducted by Dean.

Bp. to Gilbert de Myddelton, Clerk, granting, "de camerâ," ten marks per annum, "pro forensibus obsequiis," till beneficed with a prebend. Greenwich, May 4, 1311. Ann. Pensio.

MEM.—**Martin de Sutton**, Acol., inst. to **B.** Bath, April, 1311. Inst. in Eccl. de Bekynton.

Archd. Wells to induct.

MEM.—**John de Lokynton**, Cap., inst. to **H.** Bath, May 17, 1311. Inst. ad Vic. de Hengestrigg.

[Inst. to Bathwick crossed out, with note, "hic mutatur datus."]

MEM.—**Bp.'s Official** (or his Commissary-general) to determine cause pending between **Ric. de Sterton**, nominated to **Eastham**[a] and **Ric. Wygod**, possessioner, in next Consistory at Wells. Claverton, March 29, 1311. Comm. in Causâ Capell. de Estham.

[a] Chapel in Crewkerne Parish, lost since Valor Hen. VIII.

Coadj. Vicarii de Wynesford.

MEM.—Henry de Lisle, Rect. of Harptre, made "curator seu coädjutor" of the blind Vic. of W. Claverton, same date.

N.B.—Henry surrendered in Nov.

Fol. 35*b*.

Manumissio Adae Batyn de Hampton.

LITT. PATENTES.—William and Agnes Batyn, our serfs, having five sons, "oculos misericordiæ gravantes," we manumit one of them, Adam, and confer on him the first tonsure with our own hands, "intuitu caritatis;" but he is still bound to serve the Bps. of Diocese "in quocunque ordine fructuosus."

Claverton, 2 Kal. April, 1311.

Coll. Preb. de Bultingcote.

Conferred on his nephew Michael. (*Crossed out.*)

Inst. Eccl. de Penne dammere.

MEM.—Robt. de Quenington, Pr., inst. to Pendomer. Pat., Sir Jo. de Dommer. April 4, 1311.

Archd. of Wells to induct.

Manum. Will. Up de Hampton.

First tonsure, with freedom, conferred on Will. Up, serf, of Bathampton. Same conditions as in last case.

Claverton, April 5.

Custodia Sequestri de Berewyk.

MEM.—John de Burton appointed sequestrator in Chapel of Berwick during pleasure. Same date.

Custodia Seq. Capellae de Orchard.

Bp. to H., Vic. of Stoke-sub-Hamdon, making him guardian of Chapel of Orchard, with cure of souls, and charge of Eberic de Orchard, a minor, nominated to the cure. Revenues to be applied to spiritual duties and to nominee's necessities, and accounted for to Bp. Evercreech, April 13, 1311.

MEM.—Archd. of Taunton to cite Rect. of Rachich[a] (deputed by late Bp.) to render accounts of guardianship, and to be removed.

[a] Rachich, probably the Chapel of Neroche Forest, called "Nerachist" in the Perambulation of Ed. I.

Manumissio.

Robt. de Herterne, serf, to be free for ordination, but to serve the Bps., if found useful as a Priest. Evercreech, same date.

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MEM.—**Will. de Stratton, Rect. of Temple Combe,** for one year. Same date. Lic. Stud.

Bp. to Rich. de G., instituting him to **Bathwick,** "portio prebendalis in conventu de Wherewell," and in patronage of that Abbey. Claverton, 5 Kal. April, 1311. Inst. Ric. de Gardylby, &c.

Bp. to Tho. de H., instituting him to prebendal church of **W.** Pat., the Dean, who is also to induct. Greenwich, 5 Kal. May, 1311. Inst. Tho. de Harptre in Vic. de Wedmore.

MEM.—**R. de M.** inst. to prebendal church of **Harptre.** Same date. Inst. Ric. de Mere.

Dean to induct.

Bp. to Dean. Under Papal provision, we collate **T. de W.** to Preb. of A., vacated by Scales, both of them employed in Roman Curia. Give immediate possession (*i.e.*, without institution, &c.). Greenwich, Kal. May, 1311. Ind. Tho. de Wylton in possess. Preb. de Asshill, ex collatione summi Pontif.

Bp. to John de Wamberg, Clerk, conferring **Rect. of Wootton** (Courtney). Pat., Bp., by lapse. Greenwich, April 28. Coll. Eccl. de Wootton, &c.

Archd. Taunt. to induct, "cum clausulâ illâ ad contumaces per censuram eccl. compescendos."

MEM.—**Bp.** confers **Henstridge Stall** on **Ibo,** son of the noble Lord **Sir Maurice de Berkelee** (a boy, *see* below). Greenwich, April 19. Coll. Preb. de Henstrigg, &c.

Dean to induct, "ut moris est."

Bp. to Walter de Bole, instituting him to **Rect. of Kilve.** Pat., Sir Matt. de Forneaux. London, May 4. Inst. in Eccl. de Kelve.

Archd. Taunt. to induct.

Fol. 36*b*.

MEM.—**Bp.** committed vacant **Rect. of Yarlington** to **John de Percy,** Pr., for six months, "nomine commendæ." London, May 9. Commenda Eccl. Yarlington.

Archd. Wells to induct proxy.

MEM.—**Will. de Valletort,** for one year's study. London, May 26, 1311. Studend. Rect. de Cherdelynch.

Dimiss. MEM.—To Will. Daniel of Perrott, Deac., for Priest's orders from any Bp., at request of John de Plukenet.

Greenwich, May, 1311.

Inst. in Eccl. Newenton. MEM.—Jocelin de Brankescombe, Acol., inst. to Rect. of Newton (St. Lo), vice Francis de Stodelegh, resigned. Pat., Sir Jo. de St. Lo. Same date.

Studend. Rect. de Tymmesbarwe. MEM.—One year's study at Paris to Henry, Rect. of Timsbury, Pr. Same date.

Dimissor. MEM.—To John Holt, Rect. of Writhlington, Deac., for Priest's orders.

Studend. Rect. de Sperkeford. MEM.—Rich. de Karkenye, Clerk, to study, "ubi viget studium generale," &c. Same date.

Inst. Eccl. de Henton Bluet. MEM.—Tho. de Lyons, Clerk, inst. to Rect. of H. B. Pat., Sir John de Bytton. Same date.

Archd. Bath to induct.

Coll. Prebendae, &c. MEM.—Bp. conferred on Nic. Maryn, Clerk, the Stall vacated by N. de Welles, at instance of the King and the E. of Cornwall. Greenwich, June 20, 1311.

Dean to induct.

Adm. Sigillorum. MEM.—John Martel "admisit (= intravit) officium Cancellariæ Epi." The seals of office were delivered to him by Bp.'s own hands. Aug. 22, 1311.

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Ann. Pensio. Jo. Martel. (*Crossed out.*) Bp. grants Salary of 10 marks, "de camerâ," to J. M. till beneficed, and during service "in officio nostræ cancellariæ."

Greenwich, St. Jo. Bapt., 1311.

Inst. ad Cap. de Berewyk. Bp. to Hen. de Stouwe, Clerk, instituting to Rect. of Berwick, vice Hen. de Haversham, resigned. Pat., Sir Jo. de Hastings.

London, July 7, 1311.

Archd. Wells to induct.

Dimiss. MEM.—To Ralph de Horeputt of Berrow, Sub-deac., to seek Deacon's orders of any Bp., on sufficient title. Same date.

Adam, Rect. of Kingsdon, for one year, at instance of Sir R. Fitzpayne. Same date. Lic. Stud.

Bp. owns his **Debt** of £40 to **A. de B.,**[a] Rect. of Kingsclere, to be paid at Easter. London, F. of St. Giles, 1311. Obligatio Bni. erga Aler. de Bykenor.

[a] King's Treasurer in Ireland.

Bp. to all officers of his Diocese in behalf of **Strood Hospital,** the Brethren whereof are begging alms for repair of Rochester Bridge, in spite of their own poverty. Lit. conc. Pauperi Hospitali de Strod.

Greenwich, Sept. 13, 1311.

They were endowed perhaps with the bridge tolls.

Commission to Bp. of Cork, to hold September **Ordination** in the Cath. on Ember Saturday, and to reconcile, "si necesse," **Cannington** Churchyard, Bp. being engaged in Prov. Council and Parlt. Greenwich, Sept. 16, 1311. Comm. pro ordinibus celebrand.

Fol. 37*b*.

Bp.'s Bond[a] for payment of 100 **mks.** borrowed from late Bp. W.'s bequest for Crusade, lying in hands of Dean and Chap. at Abp.'s discretion. He is suable in any court, royal or eccl., and all his goods liable. London, Sept. 13. Oblig. Bni. de C. marc erga W. et C.

[b] Bp. Will. de Marchia left this sum in trust for a Crusade.

Lic. to **Tho. de Rodhuish,** to seek any orders. Same date. Dimiss. Radehywiss.

Bp. to Robt. de Sarr, Rect. of Bratton, dispensing residence, whilst serving the Bp. (W.) of Exeter. Dispens. sup. non-resid.

Greenwich, Sept. 12, 1311.

MEM.—One year to **J. de Messingham, Rect. of Elworthy.** Same date. Lic. Stud.

To **Rect. of Horsington,** Deac., to seek Priest's orders, "a quovis." Same date. Dimiss. J. de Cokerume.

MEM.—At the instance of Alex. de Bykenor, Bp. ordered his Official not to trouble the **Rect. of T.,** "cujus nomen ignoratur," about non-residence. Greenwich, Sept. 16, 1311. Ne Rect. de Tyntenhall m; lestetur.

Dispens. de Thorne Ffagan (Falcon).

MEM.—Will. de Bratton, licence for one year's study, "ubi viget," &c., and to seek Priest's orders, "a quovis." Sept. 6, 1311.

Dimiss.

To Peter de Compton, to seek Acolite's orders in the Province. Same date.

Inst. de Sevenhampton cum capel. de Wynyngton.

Bp. to Will. de Berkynges, Sub-deac., instituting him to Seabington St. Mich. Pat., E. of Gloucester. London, Sept. 27, 1311.

Archd. Taunt. to induct.

Inst. Vic. de Modeford.

John de Aumbresleye, Pr., to Vic. of M. Pat., Dean and Chap. of Wells. Oct. 10.

Archd. Wells to induct.

MARGINAL NOTE.—On Aug. 15, 1311, the Bp. delivered his certificate of the money levied by order of the Provincial Council for their deputies' costs at the General Council.[a]

[a] Probably the Council at Vienne, which began to sit in Oct., 1311, and decreed the dissolution of the Templars.
The Levy was one penny per £, so imperfectly raised on the Diocese, that on Oct. 27 the Bp. was charged with large arrears (*see* below).

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Litt. Dim.

To Rob. de Haghen of Drayton, Acol., to seek orders, "a quovis," &c. Drok (Droxford), Aug. 3, 1311.

Arrerag. denarii imposit. in Conc.

MEM.—Bill was handed to Bp. at St. Paul's, Sept. 26, to levy arrears in his Diocese of the Penny Tax, imposed by Provincial Council, £22 12*s*. 5*d*. London, Oct. 27.

Arrer. Abbatis et Sicard.

Also for arrears, "tertii oboli," for the Procurations of the Abbot and Sicard, "inquisitors of heretical pravity."[b]

[b] The assessment of a third farthing I cannot explain. The inquisitors were Papal Commissaries, sent to try the Templars at London and York in 1310, at the cost of the English Clergy.

Disp. sup. non-residentia.

MEM.—Will. de Preston, Rect. of Bledon, has one year's absence allowed him to administer goods of late Bishop of Winchester, at request of co-executors. Bp.'s Official not to trouble him. Same date.

Bp. dispenses **Will. de Frome**, Clerk, under Papal sanction, "et bulla remanet penes Regem." London, Oct. 8, 1311. Disp. sup. defectu natalium.

To **Rect. of Seabington** for Deacon's orders (*vid. sup.*). Same date. Dimiss.

Bp. to Alex. de Bykenor, Rect. of Kingsclere, King's Treasurer in Ireland, instructing him to audit accounts of W. de M., late lessee of the Bp.'s Irish Prebends. Will. de Maenes.

London, Oct. 14, 1311.

MEM.—**Bp. commissioned the Bp. of Cork** to reconcile the cemetery of the parish Church "infra clausum Prioratus de **Bruton**," after bloodshed. Comm. ad reconcil. Cimiterium.

Also the Church and Churchyard of St. Mary Major, Ilchester, after bloodshed. London, Oct. 9, 1311.

MEM.—To **Robt. de Plecy, Rect. of Hawkridge and Withipool**, for one year. Oct. 5, 1311. Lic. Stud.

MEM.—**Rich. de Potterne**, Pr., instituted **Rect. of Wootton** (Courtney). Pat., Prior of Stoke Curcy. Oct. 5, 1311. Inst.

Archd. Taunt. to induct. Saving the sequestration lying on the goods of Walter de Potterne, "illiciti detentoris ejusdem eccl." London, Oct. 5, 1311.

MEM.—**Stall** (late Reg. de St. Albans) in **Cath.** conferred on **Robt. de Cisterne**, a Clerk of the King's. London, Oct. 15, 1311. Coll. Preb.

Dean to induct, saving rights of late incumbent, "si superstes."

MEM.—To **Rect. of Newton St. Lo**, Acol., for Sub-deacon's orders, a quocunque, &c. London, Oct. 11. Dimiss. Jocelino de Braunscumbe.

MEM.—Licence to **Bp. of Cork** to confer first tonsure on Bro. Ingram of **Hinton Charterhouse**, conversus. Same date. Ingram conversus de Henton.

MEM.—To **Rich. de Forde, Rect. of Bradford**, for one year. Same date. Lic. Stud.

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Coll. domum. **Bp. to Hen. de Penkridge**, Succentor. In pity for his having no house, confers Canon Reginald's de St. Alban's.
London, Nov. 21, 1311.

Dispens. sup. defect. Natal. To **John de Kilbeton**, Acol., under Papal rescript.

Lic. Cantariae conc. Will. de Malherbe. **Bp. to Will. de Malherbe**, authorising "Divina in oratorio constructo" within his manor-house of **Standerwick**, by a priest approved by Bp., during pleasure, saving the rights of the parish church (of Frome). Same date.

Inst. in Vic. de Nether Stowey. **Bp. to Rich. North**, Pr., instituting to **Vic. of N. S.**, vice Peter de Bridport. Pat., Osbert, Prior of Goldclive. Same date.
Dean of Wells to induct.

Inst. MEM.—**Nic. de Brente**, Pr., instituted **Vic. of Chard.** Pat., the Provost of Wells. Greenwich, Nov. 28.
Dean of Wells to induct.

Coll. Eccl. de Claverton. MEM.—**Bp.** collated **Tho. de Retford**, "familiaris clericus," to **Rect. of C.**, vice Adam de Notingham, deceased. Same date.
Archd. Bath to induct.

Coll. Eccl. Weston-juxta-Mare. **Bp. to Roger de Pykeslegh**, Clerk, instituting to **Rect. of W.**, vice Guido de Shenedon. Licence for one year's study.
Greenwich, Nov. 28, 1311.
Archd. Wells to induct.

Legitimatio. MEM.—**John de Marleward**, Acol., dispensed for illegitimacy, and certificate given. Same date.

Lic. Cantariae conc. Dno. J. Moriz. MEM.—**J. Moriz** to have a Chantry in his mansion at **Folkeland**, in **Hemington Parish**, for his household; voidable if hurtful to parish church. Same date.

Inst. Vic. de Compton. MEM.—**Will. de Lodelow** instituted to **Vic. of C.**
Dec. 7, 1311.

MEM.—**Bp. of Cork** to ordain in **Cath.** next Ember Saturday, for the beneficed and monastic clergy. 3 Non. Dec., 1311. Comm. celebrandi ordines.

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Bp. to Treasurer of Cath. The first-fruits of the vacant office belonging to the See by custom, and being sold by us to you at £20, payable at the Royal Exchequer, Westminster, we hereby cancel your debt to us. Greenwich, Dec. 6, 1311. Lit. conc. Jord. Morant de primis fructibus Thesaurariae.

MEM.—Bp. granted by patent the **Rect. of R.** to **J. de Saltford**, Pr., "in commendam," with licence of a year's absence. Esthampstead, Dec. 22. Comm. fact. de Radstok.

MEM.—One year granted to **Rect. of Porlock**, at request of Robt. Fitzpayne. Dec. 18. Lic. Stud. Georgio de Roges.

MEM.—**Will. de Pykeslegh**, Clerk, instituted to one portion[a] of the **Rect. of B.**, vice G. de Sheridon. One year's licence to study, asked by Rich. de Rodney. Pat., Ismania la Soor, "ratione dotis suæ." Jan. 10, 1311–12. Inst. in Portione de Backwell.

[a] The original Manor and Rect. of Backwell had been divided between co-heiresses.

Archd. Bath to induct.

MEM.—**Will. de Schirfeld**, Acol., instituted to **Writhlington**, vice Holte. Pat., Gilbert Lovel, in right of his Canonry of Sarum. Jan. 13, 1311. Inst. in Eccl. de Wrytelington.

Archd. Wells to induct.

MEM.—**Roger Langelond**, Clerk, instituted to **H.**, vice Jo. de Ameney, by proxy. Three years' study granted. Pat., Sir Nic. de Longlond. Jan 25. Inst. in Eccl. de Hutton.

Archd. Wells to induct.

To **Rich., Rect. of Hatch**, for one year, asked by the Lady Cecilia de Beauchamp. Jan. 25, 1311–12. Lic. Stud.

Patent to **Walter de Lammesse**, making him, during pleasure, Apparitor of the Diocese, with specification of duties. Wyveliscombe, Feb. 3. Comm. fact. Apparitori.

Comm. Penitentarii. Appointment of **Robt., Vic. of St. Mary's, Bath,** as **Penitentiary,** authorised to hear confessions of any members of the Diocese, "parochiani nostri," even in the cases reserved for the Bp., save those of perjury; power to award penance.
Wyveliscombe, Feb. 5.

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Dimiss. To **Tho. de Strengston,** Acol., to seek Sub-deacon's orders.
Wyveliscombe, Feb. 6, 1311–12.

Lic. Stud. To **Will. de Valletort, Rect. of Charlynch,** for one year.
Lydeard, Feb. 21.

Dispens. sup. defect. natal. Bp.'s certificate to **John and Adam de la Worthy,** illegitimate, that they are dispensed, "juxta formam Constitutionis Papæ Bonifacii VIII," and tonsured. Sealed with the lesser seal "ad causas et negocia." Feb. 25, 1311–12.

Custodia, &c. MEM.—**Hugh de Penkridge** made, during pleasure, "custos sequestri" of the **Church of Lymington,** and also of the person of **Robt. de Beauchamp,** a minor, presented by Lady Cecilia de Beauchamp. Bridgwater, Feb. 19.

Dimiss. MEM.—To **Joc. de Brankscombe, Rect. of Newton,** Sub-deac., for all higher orders, and to **Stephen de Sideford, Rect. of Whatley,** Deac., for the same. Shapwick, Feb. 28.

Inst. Eccl. de Ellworth. MEM.—**Jo. de Messingham** inst. to **Elworthy.** Pat., Will. de Tothale, Prior of St. John of Jerusalem. Oct., 1310.

Inst. Eccl. de Luccombe. **Jo. de Wamberge,** inst. to **L.**
Glastingbury, March 3, 1311–12.
Archd. Taunt. to induct.

Lic. Stud. To **Adam Hildebrond, Rect. of Kingston,** for one year.
Wooky, March 9.

Dimiss. To **David le Barber,** Clerk, to seek orders up to Sub-deacon's, given sufficient title. Banwell, March 16, 1311–12.

Bp. to John de Combehawey, Pr., making him coadjutor of **Henry,** the aged Rect. of Combe-hay, with charge of church; the revenues to support both, under oversight of Rect.'s cousin, Robt. of Stony-Eston. Wells, March 5, 1311–12. Coadjutor, &c.

Bp. to Tho. Whyrmen, Pr., instituting him to a Chaplaincy in Church of P.,[a] as settled by an ordinance of Bp. Walter's. Pat., Sir Gilbert de Knouill (Knowle). March 17. Inst. in Capellaniâ Pokyngton.

John de Taleford, Archpresbyter in said Ch.,[a] pursuant to same ordinance, to admit T. W., and also to render account of his office to the Bp. on a set day. Ind.

[a] Puckington must have been at this time a collegiate church, but at the date of the two valors, 1291 and 1334, it was an undivided rectory. *See* Inquis. post mort. 29 Ed. I, where Gilbert de Knowle, deceased, appears to have endowed the Chaplaincies. Bp. Walter died 1308.

Fol. 40*a*.

Commission to two Canons to inquire "de jure et meritis" of two presentees of rival patrons, and to institute the approved one. Citation issued to first presentee. Banwell, March 20. Cognitio in Causa Eccl. de Assholte.

Also to sift inquiry touching the **vacancy of L.,** and the presentee's person, **J. de Roges.** Comm. ad exam. Inquis. de Luccombe.

Voided by refusal of J. de R. to submit to the Inquiry.

To **Tho. de Lyons, Rect. of Henton Bluet,** for one year, in England, at Archd.'s request. March 8. Lic. Stud.

Bp. to D. and C., reciting the Abp.'s mandate, requiring Bp. to cancel his uncanonical Collation of **Ivo de Berkeley,** "puer laicus." The Chapter having neglected to use their right of lapsed patronage, which thereby lapsed to Abp., he (the Abp.) appoints **Gilbert de Middelton,** his Dean of Arches, "exigentibus meritis," though otherwise beneficed. The Abp. enjoins obedience on pain of suspension. The Bp. requires Dean to conform to Abp.'s mandate. Esthampsted, April 16, 1312. Revocatio Preb. de Hengestrigge et Coll. ejusdem, &c.

Fol. 40*b*.

Ann. Pensio Ebo. de Berkeley.

Bp. to Ebo, son of Maurice de B.—Knowing his ability to be "fructuosus" to the Church, he grants 20 mks., "de camerâ," until he is furnished with a Prebend. London, April 18, 1312.

Negotium Vicarii de Ile Abbatis.

MEM.—**Gregory de Brankescombe,** Pr., nominated by Abbot of Muchelney, to **Vic. of Isle Abbots,** was allowed inquiry in R. D. Chapter, after whose verdict the Dean of Wells and two Canons might institute and induct him. Burfordstok, April 6.

Benedictio.

The Bp. (by Commission from the Vicars General of Winton Diocese) at the Chapel of Winchester Ho. in Southwark, gave **benediction** after Profession, to the **Abbot of Waverley.** April 24.

Profession in full terms.

Coll. Prebendae.

MEM.—**Bp.** collated **John de Roos,** Official of Court of Canterbury, to a **Wells Stall,** late Bray's, with letters of induction. April 18.

Assignatio Ann. Pens.

Bp. having received the resignation of Will., the blind **Vic. of Winsford,** and held inquiry of the nett value of the Vicarage, assigns, with patron's consent. 100*s.* life pension, payable by successor under oath. Barlinch, Feb. 11, 1311.

Fol. 41*a*.

Inst. in Vic. de Wynesford.

Bp. to Roger de Wytham, Deac., instituting him to **Vic. of Winsford.** Arch. of Taunt. to induct, swearing Vic. to pay the pension. Esthampsted, May 31.

Absolutio, &c.

Bp. to Dean. Simon de Madelegh, Cath. Vic., having drawn blood in the Church, in quarrel with a layman, is to be absolved from excommunication thereby incurred. Absolution to be pronounced when he should request. Westminster, May 12.

Edmund de Morle, Rect. of Mells, licensed to seek Deacon's orders. May 13.

The same fact entered as a Mem. again, in varied form. *See* note in margin, "Non de tempore institutionis."

To **Tho. de Oxon, Rect. of Rode,** for a year. March 27. Lic. Stud.

Bp. to Will. de L., Clerk—Being penitent for having sought orders from Bp. of Exeter, in ignorance, he is accepted to minister in the Diocese. Greenwich, May 17, 1312. Dispens. Will. de Luccombe.

Bp. confers on John de Bruton, who is "fructuosus" to Diocese, the Stall of **Haselbury,** vacated by Berewyk. Dogmersfield, July 2, 1312. Coll. Prebendae, &c.

Dean to induct into Stall, and also into the House late Kingscote's, "extra portam[a] curiæ nostræ et eidem curiæ contiguam." End.

[a] The Palace gate, before the formation of the moat, stood much nearer to the domestic buildings than the present gateway. This canonical house was probably swept away by Bp. R. de Salopiâ to form the moat.

Bp. to John Roges, Pr. (nominated by John de Loccombe, patron), commending,[b] for the sake of the benefice, the Church of L. to him for six months, "juxta formam Constitutionis editæ in Lugdunensi concilio novissime celebrata." Esthampsted, Aug. 11, 1312. Commenda Eccl. de Loccumbe.

[b] A case of contested patronage, in which the Bp., deferring institution, used his power of commenda in favour of John de Luccombe's nominee, but not without an indemnity against the suit which the rival patron might institute, either by "duplex querela" or "quo warranto."

The same day, the same J. R. swore, "coram Epo. præsentialiter[c] constituto," present John Martel, *i.e.*, the Chancellor, to indemnify the Bp., "tam in curiâ regis, quam in arcubus" in the cause between J. R. and J. de Wamberge, nominee of **Lady Joan de Loccombe.**

[c] *i.e.*, an artificial presence in his deputy's person.

Fol. 41*b*.

MEM.—**Robt. de Bukenhill,** Pr., placed for six months in commendam of the **Church of Stratton-on-Fosse** *V.* Esthampsted, Aug. 13. Commenda Eccl. Stratton Vigour.

Inst. Bp. to Will. de St. Albyn, instituting him to Rect. of W. Lydford, vice H. de Thorp, resigned. Pat., Will. Martin.
Greenwich, July 19.

Dean of Wells to induct.

Coll. perp. Cantariae. MEM.—Robt. Vele, of Norton, collated to Chantry in St. Mary Major, Ilchester. Greenwich, July 15.

Ind. Rect of St. M. to give possession.

Comm. fact. Epo. Landav. MEM.—Commission to John, Bp. of Llandaff, to dedicate Altars, reconcile Churches, &c., and ordain the beneficed and the regular clergy. Doncaster, June 8, 1312.

Custodia Sequestri, &c. MEM.—Sequestratorship of vacant prebendal Church of Barton given to Mich. de Whytele (Wheathill), M.A., at Prebendary's request. Drokensford, July 12, 1312.

Comm. in Causâ delegata. MEM.—The Papal Judge[a] in cause of Moriz of Yarpole, *v.* Elizabeth Springhese, has delegated the hearing to the Archd. of Taunton and Subdean Yatton. Process returnable to Judge.
Drokensford, same date.

[a] The whole process independent of diocesan authority, though employing diocesan officers.

Inst. MEM.—Robt. de Fynedon instituted to Vic. of Norton (Sub Hamdon). Pat., W. Prior of Wolmington.
Esthampsted, Aug. 2, 131?.

Archd. of Wells to induct.

Custodia sequest. MEM.—Vacant Church of Stockland (Gaunt's or Bristol), sequestrated, in hands of Will. Seward, Clerk, till Michaelmas.
Same date.

Inst. MEM.—Tho. Hering, Clerk, to Rect. of Astington (Ashington). Pat., Matth. de Forneaux. Esthampsted, Aug. 13.

Ind. Archd. of Wells to induct.

Comm. in Causa delegata. MEM.—Papal Judge, in cause of Robert de Bokenhall *v.* R. de Haberdon, has delegated two Canons of Wells to hear the cause. Same date.

NOTE.—Abbot of Wigmore is cited.

MEM.—Rich. Austyn of Frome dispensed for illegitimacy, after the inquiry demanded by the Pope's mandate. Dispens. pro defect. natalium.

Aug. 16, 1312.

One year granted to Rect. of Exton, at instance of Bp. of Lichfield. Lic. Stud.

MEM.—Bp. appoints by letter, the Cath. Vicar, Robt. Fayremey, his Penitentiary. Greenwich, Aug. 18. Lit. Penitentarii.

To Robt. le Lung of Bristol, Acol., for Subdeaconship. Dimiss.

London, Aug. 10.

To G. de Eyton, Advocate in Arches, 5 mks., whilst serving the Bp. July 26, 1312. Ann. Pensio.

Fol. 42*a*.

Year's leave to Ric. de. Karkeney, Rect. of Sparkford. Studend.

London, Aug. 25, 1312.

With fullest provisoes, filling 8½ lines.

MEM.—Tho. de Radford inst. to Ybelton, vice Hen. de Guldeford. Dogmersfield, Aug. 17. Coll. Eccl.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

MEM.—J. de Wamberge, Clerk, coll. to Rect. of Claberton, vice Tho. de Radford. London, Aug. 21. Coll.

Archd. Bath. Ind.

Richard Babent, Rect. of Charlcombe, granted one year's study. Stud.

To Rect. of Writhlington, Deac., to seek Priesthood. Dimiss.

John de Shenydon, Rect. of Wodewyk,[a] one year's study. Stud.

London, Sept. 1.

[a] A benefice depopulated and annexed to Freshford.

Will, Seward, Clerk, to Rect. of Stockland, vice Warin de Chaucombe. Same date. Inst.

Archd. of Taunt. Ind.

Dimiss. To **Edm. Morlee, Rect. of Mells,** to seek Priesthood.
London, Aug. 20.

Electio Prioris de Spraules-mede. MEM., Sept. 23.—**Nicolas Drake,** Canon of this Augustinian House, was returned as Prior Elect to Bp. by the Abbot of Glastonbury, as Patron, along with his consent, but the Bp. quashed the election, and issued the following Decree:—

Pronunciatio sup. Election. "After scrutiny of the Process, the Bp., finding, besides other irregularities, that an election dated in May did not occur till

Provisio ex off. Dni. September, declares the appointment lapsed, and therefore provides for it on his own authority, nominating N. D., whose name was returned.

See Dugd. "Mon.," p. 34, Vol. I, Charters 34-5-6-7, for the successive endowments of this Hermitage on Burtle Heath by the Lords of Edington Manor, beginning 1199, confirmed by Bp. Bytton II, and by Abp. Boniface, 1261. It became rich enough to maintain three hermits, one of whom was called Prior, and the enlarged establishment called the Priory of St. Stephen, the Abbot of Glastonbury being patron.

Fol. 42*b*.

Install. Prior. de Spraules-mede. **Bp. to Archd. of Wells.** Reciting irregularities which led to his appointing by Provision. Mandate to induct Nicholas in the Prior's Stall and place in Chapter House.
Greenwich, 6 Kal. Oct., 1312.

Inst. MEM.—**Tho. Broun,** Pr., to Prebendal Church of **Ashill.**
Greenwich, Oct. 1, 1312.

Ind. Dean of Wells to induct.

Inst. MEM.—**John de Gibele** (Yeovil), Acol., to **Rect. of High Ham.** Pat., Abbot of Glastonbury. Same date.

Ind. Archd. of Wells.

Lic. Stud. **Will. de Pokeslegh, Rect. of Backwell,** and **Roger de Pokeslegh, Rect. of Weston,** granted one year's leave. London, Oct. 10.

Lic. Absentandi. **Tho. de Yanworth, Rect. of Marksbury,** granted one year's absence in King's service. London, Oct. 20, 1312.

MEM.—To Will. de la Burgo, Rect. of Seabington St. M., Deacon, to seek Priesthood, "a quovis," &c. Oct. 14, 1312. Dimiss.

MEM.—Roger de Pederton, Pr., son of a Priest probably married dispensed[a] from illegitimacy. Sealed "magno sigillo." Dispens. sup. defect. natal.

Quoad sacra" by Bp's. sole authority. (By common law he was possibly legitimate.)

MEM.—To Stephen Delahaye, Rect. of Greinton, at instance of Abbot of Glastonbury. Lic. Stud.

MEM.—Roger de Longlond, Deac., inst. to High Ham. Pat., Abbot of G. London, Oct. 24, 1312. Inst.

Archd. of Wells to induct. Three years' study granted. Ind.

Custody of the Church of Hutton, and of the Presentee, a minor, granted to Dean Godeley, during pleasure. Custodia Eccl. de Hutton et Tho. de Longland.

London, Nov. 5.

Archd. Wells to induct the Dean, as Custos, into corporal possession. Ind.

Fol. 43*a*.

Brevia Regia de Ann. I (*i.e., Consecrationis*). 1309–10.

King's writs to Bp., relating chiefly to collection of subsidies granted by Clergy in Convocation.

Touching the last presentation to Rect. of Corton Dynham by Joce de Dynham, or his ancestors. It is now vacant and in our hands, by wardship of the heir of Joce. "We wonder at your slackness in not answering mandates; reply at once." Kg. to Bp.

Test. me ipso, Dec. 15, ann. Regis iij.

Though we have already certified the King, we have now made inquest, and find that Oliver, father of Joce, made the last presentation, viz., of Hen. de Montford, in reign of H. III, over 40 years ago. This appears in the Registers, and we have no other documents. Answer.[a]

[a] A summary of the answers with name of bearers and other notes given in margin.

Rg. to Bp. Cite Walter de Kelmeston, Vic. of Were, before our Courts in Hilary Term to answer Will. de Belvere, Master of St. Mark's Hospital, Billeswick, by Bristol, for fishing his waters at North Were. W. de K. has no lay fee for Sheriff to attach. Westminster, ann. iij.

Answer. We have cited W. de K. to appear and obey all judgments.

Rg. to Bp. Again we enjoin you to get payment from the executors of Bp. W. (either Walter or William, predecessors in the See) of £27 10*s.* 7*d.*, and of other sums, due from Incumbents and Priors (list given), for the Fifteenth granted by Clergy. Sub-collectors to pay into Exchequer. Ann. iij.

Answer. King's mandate is forwarded to the several persons named, including executors. We have straitly proceeded by censures against the others, but find nothing to sequester.

Rg. to Bp. Cite Will. de Charleton, your Clerk, who has no lay fee to attach, before our Justices at Westminster to answer plea of Elias de Godeley for 100*s.* Ann. iij.

Answer. W. de C. has been cited. No ecclesiastical goods to attach, "loca sua ecclesiastica fructibus evacuavit," as is wont.

Rg. to Bp. Writ of "levari facias" on goods of J. de S. Amand, Clerk, for £40, due for fine on "transgressus." Jan., ann. iij.

Answer. No goods to be found, even "circa autumnum."

Fol. 43*b*.

Rg. to Bp. "Levari facias" on defaulters (list given, but tax not specified). Money to be paid to Exchequer through Abbot of Glastonbury, collector. Feb., ann. iij, per consilium.

Answer. We have sequestered goods of the Rectors of Mells and Chiselborough, valued at 65*s.*, but no buyers yet. In other cases nothing to sequester.

Rg. to Bp. "Levari facias." The Returns of Glastonbury Abbey, *i.e.*, the collectors of the Moiety of Spirituals and Temporals, granted by

Clergy to Ed. I, show the following arrears (list). Cite defaulters, and if unable to show acquittance, sequestrate. If they show acquittance, cite them to Westminster for proof.

Jan. 20, ann. iij.

All are cited. Two Rectors showed acquittance; two are sequestrated; no buyers yet; the others have nothing. **Answer.**

"Levari facias." The subsidy of a Tenth of Spirituals, granted 24 Ed. I, is not paid. List of defaulters from Abbot's (Glastonbury) Books is to be treated as the former list. **Kg. to Bp.**

Jan. 20, ann. iij.

List runs to end of Fol. 44*a*.

All cited. £9 19*s*. 10*d*. handed to collector, obtained "cum anxietate maximâ." Some will show acquittance at Westminster; some have been sequestered to value of £9; no buyers as yet; as to others, "nil sequestrandum." **Answer.** Fol. 44*a*.

Fol. 44*b*.

Hugh de Penkridge, executor of late Bp., has no lay fee to attach; distrain him by his ecclesiastical goods to appear at Westminster and answer Will de Werministre and others, executors of R. (Burnell, who died 1291), Bp. of B. and W., touching £4 due to us from Bp. R.'s estate. Feb. 27, ann. iij. **Kg. to Bp.**

Duly executed. **Answer.**

Bp. to Walter de Bedwynd. King's writ in *re* Will. de Canoy and Tho. de Gardinis shall be obeyed, bidding me search Wardrobe Rolls to see if W. de C. was paid £6 for 12 oxen delivered to T. de G. whilst Sheriff of Glo'ster, 13 Ed. I.

NOTE.—W. de B. retornavit istud breve ad diem.

Fol. 45*b*.

"Levari facias" against Rect. of Mells and other defaulters. **Kg. to Bp.**

July, ann. iij.

All the goods sequestered were offered for sale; they didn't realize the sum required, save 5*s*. 4*d*., at Burnet, which we are ready to pay. **Answer.**

Rg. to Bp. "Levari facias" against **Will. de Rodston**, late our Bailiff of Woodstock, who is £22 in arrear. July 25, ann. iv.

Answer. Goods of 10 mks. value have been seized, but no buyers.

Rg. to Bp. "Levari facias" against **Philip de Baa** (Bath), **Rect. of N. Stoke**, who owes 5 mks. 10*s.* 8*d.* Same date.

Answer. Goods of 47*s.* value have been seized, no more found; We are ready to pay.

Rg. to Bp. "Venire facias." Cite Henry Sampson, Parson of Bartilsdon, to Westminster, for debt of £9. Same date.

Answer. There is no such church.

The Royal writs run on to the end of fol. 50*b*, often repeating the same demands, always similar ones, and in the same tone of upbraiding the Bishop's agents for slackness in executing the unwelcome precepts. They will be omitted henceforth.

Fol. 51*a*.

Litt. Patentes, A.G. 1309, *Consecrationis I; inscriptæ ann. Cons. IV, in medio* (*i.e., compiled* 1313–14).

Comm. pro domibus liberandis. Power of Attorney to **Archd. of Bath** (**Sandwych**), to give seisin to **John of Britany, Earl of Richmond**, of Bp's. house in **Ludgate**, London. London, Dec., 1309.

Bp., having his official house in Strand, sold his private one.

Obligatio, &c. Bond to the **Bellardi Co.**, of Lucca, to repay £184 at Candlemas. London, Dec. 20.

Creatio Dni. Randolf in Senescallum. Patent appointing **John Randolf**, Kt., Steward of all Episcopal manors; all tenants to obey.

Rockborne, Feb. 10, 1309–10.

Obligatio. Bond to **Peter Fraunceis**, to pay 100 mks. for wine, at Easter, at Wells. Same date.

Receipt to Hen. de L'isle, Bp's. Receiver, for 460 mks., Bishopric rents, paid into hands of Tho. Retford, Bp's. Treasurer. Acquietancia.

Same date.

To same for 200 mks., on Feb. 3, at Dogmersfield.

Sale by Bp. of Fruits of Derneford (Lichfield Prebend), to Hen. de la Wyle, saddled with the liabilities of the Stall. Venditio Fructuum.

Same date.

Bond by Bp. for repairs on his Prebend of Nassington, as estimated by Lincoln Chapter. Given to Proxy of his successor (an Italian). London, March 10, 1309–10. Obligatio.

Bp. to Adam de Orlton. "On sight of Pope's Letter of Provision, collating you to the next Stall in Wells, not bursal, We admit you 'in Canonicum.'" Walton, 4 Kal. April, 1310. Admissio, &c.

Apparently to wait for a vacant Stall, no installation being ordered. The intruder thus became a Canon without being a Prebendary.

Fol. 51*b*.

Bp. to Canons Bradney and Penkridge. Adam de Elminster, presented as Vic. of Muchelney, being illegitimate, and having lost his Letter of Dispensation, cannot be instituted. Summon witnesses to prove the accidental loss of the letter by theft. Comm.

Greenwich, April 15, 1310.

Grant for life to Jo. de Dobor, Vallet, of lands in Stoneberwe (Stoberry), in Wells Manor, at 13*s*. rent. Carta.

Test., Rob. Fitzpayne, Mat. de Fourneaux, Nic. de Longlond, Knts.; six Squires, and others.

Dogmersfield, 10 Kal. May, 3 Ed. II.

Proxy to Ralph de Lacu, and to — de Clitherne, to act for Bp. in Roman Curia. Proc. in Cur. Rom.

Grant of 5 mks., until beneficed, to Jo. de Foresta, notary and household clerk of Queen Isabella. Ann. Pensio.

Greenwich, 6 Id. July, 1310.

Fol. 52*a*.

Comm. **Bp. to Vic. of Somerton.** Warrant to demand of **King's Justices** at Somerton-Gaol-delivery all imprisoned Clerks, for Bp.'s custody. Esthampsted, Aug. 1, 1310.

Litt. patens. **Bp.** to his Valett, **Tho. Alwey.** Power of Attorney to make fine with **Barons of Exchequer** for knight-service in Scotch war. Rockborne, 6 Id. Aug.

See Fol. 53*a* for notes of previous fines for knight's service.

Pro Quaestoribus. **Bp. to Rectors, &c., of Diocese. Bath Priory** is sending Proctors to beg for its Cath. Fabric. Admit them after mass on festivals, and give them the whole collection. Drokensford, 14 Kal. Sept.

Comm. ad inquir. **Bp. to three Commissioners.** Having heard that the late **Bp. Walter** received dilapidation-money from **Bp. William's Executors,** We, desiring not to load our estate with undue demands, bid you survey our manors with skilled men, in company with late Bp.'s executors, and make a report on their state. Report to be kept in evidence. Dogmersfield, 7 Kal. Sept., 1310.

Alia Comm. ad componend. cum Executoribus. The Commissaries and Sir J. Randolf are to compound with the Executors for each manor, after survey. Rockborne, 7 Id. Aug.

NOTE.—The Executors, viz., Archd. of Taunton, Provost Haselschawe, Succentor H. de Penkridge, and Sir Rich. Rodney, were asked whether they would attend.

Fol. 52*b*.

Collatio. MEM.—**Bp.** collated his brother, **Richard de D.,** Clerk, to **Stall** resigned by Scales. Wookey, 8 Id. Jan., 1310.

Ind. By Dean, who was ordered to sequestrate fruits of prebend.

Comm. **Bp.** (under Papal Commission) names two Commissaries to hear complaint of **Friars Preachers of Derby** against **Rect. of Normanton,** Derbyshire. Esthampsted, Non. Jan.

After audit of accounts for 1310, Hen. de Penkridge acquitted in full. Dogmersfield, March 16, 1310–11. Acquietancia.

Licence to H. de Penkridge to visit "Limina[a] Sæ. Sedis, pro veniâ peccatorum et aliis negotiis impendendis," till St. Barnabas Day. Same date. Lic. transfretandi.

[a] Not Rome, "Limina Apostolorum," the more ancient object of pilgrimage, but Avignon, for which only three months' absence was needed.

To H. de Lisle, Receiver, Acquittance to Michaelmas.
Drok., Jan. 1, 1310–11.

To Will. de Wallop, Bp.'s Clerk, Acquittance for all time of being Bp.'s Bailiff in the Churches of Hemingburgh and Stillingfleet, and in Prebends of Masham, Darlington, Auckland, and Chester-le-Street, and for Rents in Ryedale (Yorks). Acquiet.
Rockborne, Jan. 8.

Mark the numerous pluralities vacated by Bp. in Yorks and Durham.

To Walter, Vic. of Fyfeld (Fivehead?), to visit la . . ma Jhu. Xti.[b] till Feast of St. Jo. Bapt. Lic. Transfretandi.

[b] Some place of pilgrimage.
Kingsbury, 10 Kal. Feb., 1311.

Bp. to Will. Lammasse, appointing him Apparitor. Duties specified are chiefly under Bp.'s Official, to search out intestate estates and to cite to Consistory. Wyveliscombe, Feb. 3, 1311. Comm.

Fol. 53*a*.

Ballivæ Epatus Bathon., ann. I.

These entries, relating wholly to temporalities, were intended apparently to be kept separately, but were not kept apart beyond fol. 55*a*.

Warrant to Receiver to pay Steward (Randolf), 50 mks., due to Tho. B. Poletario, London, and to Jo. de Debenysse of Winchester, 100 mks. pro pelura (*i.e.*, Furriery). Pro Tho. Brown.
Dogmersfield, April 21, 1310.

Receipt to Abbot of Reading for £10, payable annually to Bp. Same date. Acquietancia.

Lit. Attorn. **Will. de Marske** attornied to receive from Sheriff of Cambridge all he has levied (by royal writ) from Lessees[a] of **Balsham Rectory** (of which Bp. was Rect.), and from Jo. de Watford, £15, due from same Rectory. Hartley, April 23.

[a] Bp. had leased the Rectory of B., and had to sue defaulting lessees at Common Law. Hence the Sheriff's intervention.

Comm. **Abp. Robt.**[b] (Winchelsea) to the Precentor and Archd. of Wells, bidding them, on account of **dilapidations left by Bp. Walter,** visit the episcopal estates, swear in competent witnesses, and report, with estimates. Sept., 1310.

[b] It does not appear in what character Abp. Robt. interposed.

Feoda Militum in Guerrâ Scot. Copy from **Somerset Roll of Knights' Fees,** 28 Ed. I. Bp. William acknowledged due two Fees. Service discharged by Rich. de Affton and Will. Schabenor.

Copy of Roll, 31 Ed. I. Bp. Walter made fine of two Fees at £40.

Copy of Roll, 34 Ed. I. Bp. Walter made fine of two Fees at 40 mks.

Copy of Roll, 29 Hen. (III), at Gannok—Tho. de Hauteville, Hen. de Droys, Bernard de Marville, Jo. de Bruere, Knights; Reg. Hol..., Will. de Carville, servientes, *i.e.*, squires.

NOTE.—"Pro epo. Bath recogn. Servicia v feod. milit., viz., ij milit. pro epo. et iij milit. pro Abb. Glaston.

Fol. 53*b*. Roll of 5 Ed. I (Welsh War). Bp. Burnel acknowledged two Fees, the Abbot three, "pro quo satisfecit" (*i.e.*, paid scutage).

Roll of 10 Ed. I (Welsh War). Bp.'s service done by Will. Burnel and H. de Tyeys, Knts.

Litt. Nayvitatis. **Laurence** atte Vishwere, serf, **manumitted** to **Sir Jo. de St. Lo.** Chew, 4 Kal. Feb., 1310.

Also a serf of **Kingsbury,** at suit of **Will. Weylond,** Kt., and tonsured. To serve the See, if ordained Priest.

Five similar writs granted to serfs of other manors.

Fol. 54*a*.

Transcripta divers. Literarum.

Bp. Elect to Card. P. of St. Sabine, in *re* Ingelard, who got possession of a Wells stall, destined by Pope for Ugolini.

The patronage of stall, "sede vacante," belonged to the King's collation. Ingelard, a King's Clerk, cannot be formally dispossessed, but all shall be made right.

London, 6 Kal. Oct., 1309.

Bp. (after Consecration) **to same** and **to five other Cardinals.** Points out cogency of a royal collation. Ugolini's death is rumoured. He had better show his face, or send proof of being alive. London, April 16, 1309–10. **Litt. diversis Cardinalibus.**

Bp. to King. Has appointed the King's Valett, Stapelton, as desired, to be Woodward of Bp.'s Manor in **Cheddar,** abutting on the King's Forest of Mendip. Esthampsted, April 14, 1310. **Par la Wodewarderia de Cheddra.** (*French.*)

Mandate to Steward to admit him to office. Proviso for deputy.

Fol. 54*b*.

King's Writ to Justices, in *re* joint petition of **Bp.** and the **Prior of Bermondsey,** touching a breach in Thames embankments, near **Greenwich.** Order to empanel juries, to assess damage and repairs rateably on landowners, and provide for repayment of advance, if any, made by Bp. and Prior. **Comm. de la Brekke** (*i.e., Breach*).

Berwick-on-Tweed, June 3, ann. iv.

Fol. 55*a*.

Proxy to **Will. de Whetely,** to receive 200 mks. due annually from Prior of **Hexham** (London, Oct., 1313), followed by order in French (London, Dec. 19), to remit 50 mks., on account of Scotch raids. **Comm.**

Receipt to **Bp. of Carlisle** for Rent, £40, charged on his Manor of **Horncastle.** **Acquietancia.**

[*End of Ballivæ. Half page blank.*]

Fol. 55*b*.

[*Ordinary Entries resumed.*]

Ann. Pensio. MEM.—**Bp.** granted to **Peter de Eston**, Abp.'s Clerk, at Abp.'s request,[a] 5 mks., till beneficed by Bp.

London, Nov. 6, 1310.

[a] A newly-consecrated Bp., it appears, was expected to find pieces of preferment for the nominees of the King, Queen, and Abp., by way of honorarium. Hence the custom, abolished very recently, of the Abp. taking to himself, under name of an Option, a preferment in the patronage of each Bp. whom he consecrated. The Bps. in turn seem to have expected some favour as an honorarium from the religious bodies of their dioceses at the first visitation.

Absolutio. **Bp. to John Peytefyn**, Sub-deac., absolving him, under Papal authority, from irregularity contracted by being ordained in illegitimacy. Wyveliscombe, 6 Kal. Mar.

Dispensation of J. P. from illegitimacy.

Legitimatio. MEM.—Two like dispensations under Papal briefs.

Same date.

Admissio de Cumbe-hawey. MEM.—**Jo. de Montfort**, Clerk, **admitted**[b] **Rect. of Combe-hay**, not instituted, because Rect. of Poole, Dorset. A Chaplain licensed to administer Combe till Papal dispensation sought by Sir Rob. Fitzpayne should come. London, Nov., 1312.

[b] Admission sufficed to save the Patron's rights, and to save the Bp. against the Patron.

Inst. **Will. de Hampton**, Acol., inst. **Rect. of Badgworth**. Pat., Jo. de Hampton. Same date.

Ind. Archd. Wells. Litt. dim. for orders, and one year's study granted.

Lic. Stud. One year's leave of absence granted to **George Roges, Rect. of Porlok**, at request of Rob. Fitzpayne, Kt.

Dimiss. Granted to **Jo., Rect. of Walcot-by-Bath**, for Deacon's orders.

Fol. 56*a*.

One year's absence granted to **Will. de Valletort, Rect. of Charlynch.** April 27, 1312. Lic. Stud.

John de Sandhurst, Deac., inst. **Vic. of Wellow.** Pat., Cirencester Abbey. Rockborne, 4 Id. Jan. Inst.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

Robt. Hasele, of Bristol, Pr., inst. **Rect. of Camerton,** vice De Clare, resigned. Same date. Inst.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

Robt. de Clyfton inst. **Rect. of North Cadbury,** vice St. Amand, resigned. Same date. Inst.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

Pope's Penitentiary to Bishop. Sir Simon de Montacute, being imprisoned, has broken his vow to start for the Holy Land last St. Jo. Bapt. Day. He is committed to you for absolution and penance, but must be ready to join the next "generale passagium" (Crusade) ordered by the Roman Church. 6 Non. July, 1311. Lit. Penitentiarii.

NOTE.—"Litera penes Simonem est."

MEM.—Four Penitentiary Priests appointed in four deaneries. Kingsbury, Jan. 25. Lit. Penitentiae.

Full dispensation to John Coude, of Norton, illegitimate. Same date. Def. natal.

To **Rect. of Elworthy** (Messingham), for one year. Feb., 1312. Lic. Stud.

Robt. de Bokenhull inst. **Rect. of Stratton-on-Fosse,** after holding it "in commendâ." Braden, 2 Id. Feb. Inst.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

Fol. 56*b*.

Bp.'s confirmation by Inspeximus of Bp. Walter's Grant to **Canon Will. of Bruton Priory,** Oct., 1308. That Grant recites, Pro statu Will. le Pistor.

that the Bp.'s Visitors (Dean Godley and two Canons) having found the House raised out of great burden of debt by the industry and skill of Will. as Cellarer,[a] which the Brethren desired to reward, the Bp. (W.) awarded to Will. a separate chamber, meals, and allowances. Bp. confirms, but not as a precedent. Chew, 4 Kal. April, 1312.

[a] Cellarers were also employed at Glastonbury as Bursars at home and abroad. This grant of separate chamber, which Bp. D. unwillingly confirmed, was wholly subversive of the Rule of the Order.

Comm. contra Erores. **Bp. to Dean,** two Canons, and Walter Brown, Clerk. To hear and determine (1) a cause, ex officio *v.* the Executors of **Jo. de Cardiff,** of Bristol, on certain points; (2) a cause against the **Master of St. Mark's,** Bristol (Bylleswick), for adultery, and to grant him purgation, if allowable; (3) the cause of **Walter, Vic. of Were,** who, having confessed adultery, is awaiting correction, to be awarded, after inquisition into facts, by Bp.'s Clerk, J. de Wamberg. Chew, 2 Kal. April, 1312.

MARG. NOTE.—Aug. 15, 1312. Bp. of Lincoln's Commission was handed to Bp., under which he dedicated the King's Chapel at Langley (probably King's Langley, Herts, Dio. Linc.).

Also a faint note touching diocesan arrears of the subsidy (1*d.* per mk.) imposed by Prov. Council. London, 1311.

Fol. 57*a.*

Citatio, &c. **Dean of Arches to Official of B. and W.** Ordering him to cite to the Arches **Geoffry de Lucy,** possessioner of **Hardington,** to prosecute Appeal against Bp. London, 5 Id. May, 1312.

Comm. **Bp. to Tho. Aylewy.** Committing to him the episcopal franchises and manors of Wells, Wookey, Westbury, Evercreech, and Cranmore. To receive £10 as salary.

Greenwich, May 23, 1311.

Mandate to tenants to obey him as **Bailiff.**

Robt. Segg appointed **Bailiff of Chew**, "cum membris."
London, 3 Id. Sept.

Bond to **Prior of St. John of Jerusalem**, to pay in London, £100 collected in 1311 and 1312 from the faithful in England, **in aid of the Holy Land**, and deposited by Bp. in his Diocese in his Official's hands. All other bonds cancelled. **Obligatio.**
London, St. Matthew's Day, 1312.

Bp. to Abbot of Peterborough. "The Bp. of Lincoln being desirous of placing one of your monks **under penance** in our diocese, we authorize Will. de Etindon, our Clerk, to receive him 'in comitivâ,'" *i.e.*, in companionship. (*See* fol. 11*a*.) **Litt. direct. Abb. de Burg**
London, 4 Non. Oct.

Fol 57*b*.

Ann. Grat. 1311.

Bp. to Matthew, Monk of Bath, collating him to **Precentorship** during pleasure. Easthampstead, Non. Nov. **Coll. Precent. Bathon.**

Bp. to all, &c. Having viewed the house of Robt. le Peleter (Skinner), our serf (nef), in Wells Manor, which house used to render 6*d*. head-money (chevage),[a] and having heard that he is disabled, old, and poor, we enjoin our Bailiff to forego all demand at present. Banwell, May 28. **Une Patente fete de Reles de Chivage.** (*French.*)

[a] The Head-money here released was a manorial charge on the serf's house, and therefore not the same as capitagium paid to the lord for the serf's services when the serf went abroad on hire.

Fourteen other names and sums specified for like release.
Chew, June 34.

Bp. to Provosts, &c., of Westbury, Wookey, and Blackford, announcing appointment of "notre ami" Roger de Hanon as "**Gardien.**"[b] Banwell, May 24. **Une Commission, &c.** (*French.*)

[b] An unwonted officer, to take charge ("garde") (apparently for sake of teaching better methods) of matters of husbandry ("gaigneries"), pastures, and meadows. Gaignerie = husbandry, according to Kelham.

Fol. 58*a*.

Cartæ Albæ Aulæ, Ievelchester.[a]

1. **Foundation-deed,** whereby **Will. Dacus, of Sock Dennis,** gave his House of **Whitehall** in Ilchester, with lands to endow it, as a Hospital for Wayfarers, in honour of The Holy Trinity. 1217–20. Bp. Jocelin attesting.

2. **Grant of Will., Abbot of Cerne,** to **Bp. Jocelin** of the **Advowson of St. Mary-the-Less,** in which parish Whitehall stood, for appropriation to the Hospital.

3. The **Appropriation** by Bp. Jocelin of St. Mary's Rectory to the Hospital. Wookey, Jan., 1241–42.

4. Certificate given by Bp. Drokensford, Wells, 4 Id. May, 1322, to **Prioress of Kington,** Wilts, of the **Induction** of her Priory (by proxy) into the perpetual impropriate **Rectory of Tworton,** embracing (1) the **Bp.'s Commission** to the Rectors of Timsbury and Goathurst to **induct,** and superseding the Archd. of Bath, who had failed to do so; (2) the Commissaries' **Return to Bp.** 4 Id. Aug., 1322.

[a] The apparent intention of compiling a series of charters touching this very unhappy foundation, which called for some of the Bp.'s strongest visitatorial acts, failed after No. 3. Mr. Hugo, "Somerset Nunneries," partially supplements this failure. The House having failed as a nunnery, became a royal chapelry, and survived the Dissolution. The Deneys (*i.e.*, Danish) family were Lords of the Manor. They merged in the Bonvilles. No. 4 relates to another convent, and seems to imply an intention of compiling a cartulary of conventual endowments.

Fols. 59–66*b*.

Quaternus de Brev. Regiis.

Royal Writs, A.D. 1311–1314 (not calendared).

Fol. 67*a*.

De ann. Vto Consec. Dni. Jo. Id. April, 1314.

Inspeximus and recital in full of **Bp. Walter's "ordinatio"** of the **Chapel of St. Mary Magdalene of Taunton**, made Nov., 1308. **Confirmation** at request of Prior of T. and the Vic. of St. M. M., Simon de Lym. Confirmatio Ordinationis Vicariae de Taunton.

By this deed, the Chaplain became a Vicar instituted to the parish church of St. Mary, endowed with allowances from the Rectors (*i.e.*, the Priory Rectors) of food, money, horsemeat, with house, glebe, and legacies. He was to serve the chapels of Trendle (Trull), of the Castle, of Fons Georgii (Wilton). In aid of the Vicar, the Prior was to provide three secular Chaplains serving Stoke (St. Mary), Ruishton, Staplegrove, St. James', and Hull, with all ordinary charges and a share of extraordinary, and to find "ornamenta." The Vicar to pay over to the Prior all oblations.—*See* Hugo's "History of Taunton Priory," Som. Arch. Proc., 1858, p. 1.

Fol. 67*b*.

Bp. to Baldwyn de Moun,[a] son of Sir John de M. (*i.e.*, Mohun of Dunster). **Grant of 5 mks.** per annum, "de camerâ nostrâ," until provided out of an ecclesiastical benefice, on the ground that the grantee can be "multipliciter fructuosus" to the Diocese. April, 1314. Pensio.

[a] Tonsured by Bp. in Nov., 1315. Fol. 93.

Licence to **Roger de Wyk** to obtain minor orders from any Catholic Bishop—at request of Prior of Bruxton (Bruton). Dimissoria.

Pope Gregory (ann. ij.) to the **Bps. of England.** To avoid doubt of liabilities, he sends the sums due for **Peter-pence** from each of fifteen Dioceses, of which Bath stood rated at £12 5*s*.[b] Denarii B. Petri.

[b] This sum the Bp. had to collect and forward to the Papal Nuncio in London.

Absolutio Dni. Johannis de Meriet.

MEM.—Sir John de Meriet[a] absolved (by letters of Papal Penitentiary) from Excommunication incurred "occasione exenterationis (disembowelling) uxoris suæ defunctæ," penance being enjoined upon him suitable to his fault. Bp. ordered her heart to be buried with her body. Woky, 1314.

[a] Sir John was probably executor of his wife's will, sworn to execute its provisions, which doubtless dictated the place of burial. He had violated his sworn duty by taking out her heart for some purpose of his own, and had thus incurred censure. Besides the testamentary offence, a body bequeathed to some consecrated place of burial was under the protection of the Church, and subject to the Bp.'s jurisdiction.

Procuratorium Will. de Whateley pro Karliolen Epo.

Will. de Whateley attornied to receive £40 due from Bp. of Carlisle out of Bp.'s Manor of Horncastle. Banwell, 1314.

Dispensatio Joannis le Brun, Clk.

John le Brun, Clerk, has Papal dispensation for ordination, in spite of bastardy.

Inst. et Ind.

Richard Dabentre instituted to Church of Henton Bluet. Patron, John de Bytton.

Fol. 68*a*.

Carta Joannis de Wymborne.

Grant from Bp. to John de Wymborne and Christina his wife, of lifehold in Chard Manor, lately held by Lumbard her father, at 16*s*. per annum and services.

Test. Sir Robt. Fitzpayne, Sir Geoffrey D'Aumarle, Michael Cruket, and others. 7 Ed. II, *i.e.*, 1314–15.

Carta Hugonis de Pencriz terrae et haeredis Adae le Hundredman.

Grant from Bp. to Canon Hugh de Penkridge, of the wardship of the heir of the late Adam the Hundredman, with his lands. Woky, April, 1314.

Carta Sub-Decani Well. Will. le Bonde, Clk., de terrâ de Jacton (? Patton).

Bp. grants to Will. de la Forde, Canon of Wells, and to Will. de la Bond of Jacton, Clerk, for sum paid, a messuage in J. for each life, and 6*s*. 8*d*. per annum to the See.

Test. Sir Jo. Randolph, Tho. Alewy, Bailiff of Wells, Sir Stephen Delamore, John de Ken, Will. de Aure, &c.

Woky, April, 1314.

Grant for life to **John le P.**, "serviens noster," and Isolda his wife, of two shambles in High Street, Wells, at 4*s.* per annum. Banwell, April, 1314. Carta Jo. le Potager de ij scabellis in Well.

Test. Edmund de Wellesleigh, Will. atte Wytheg, &c.

MEM.—Bp. has granted to **Henry**, son of **Sir Adam de Ford**, letters dimissory for Acolite's orders by any Catholic Bishop. Chew, April, 1314. Litt. Dni. pro Hen. de Forde, Clk.

MEM.—In May, 1314, **Nich. de Lobente**, dict. de Wynton, Presb., received letters of Institution to Church of **Ch.** Patron, Bp., as guardian of the heir of John de Bytton. Inducted by Archd. of Bath. Litt. Inst. et Ind. Eccl. de Cherlecombe.

Fol. 68*b*.

After reciting Deed of **Prior and Brethren of St. John's**, binding the House to the Chantry services endowed by John de Wyk, Canon of Crediton, who had given his Rectory of West-down, Devon (appropriated to the Hosp. by Bp. of Exeter), the Bp., as Patron of the Hosp., after conference with Chapter, who appended their seal, and kept a copy of the Deed, ratifies and seals the Indenture; a copy to be kept in the Treasury. Wells, April, 1314. Ordinatio et Conf. Cantariae Jo. de Wyk in Hospitali St. Jo. in Well.

MEM.—**Bp.** collated **Hen. de Foleham**, his Clerk, Acolite, to the Church of **Hampton** (Bath). Pucklechurch, May, 1314. Collatio Eccl. de Hampton.

Archd. of Bath. Ind.

MEM.—To **Tho. de Oxon**, Subdeac., Rector of **Road**, leave of absence for one year's study. April, 1314. La Place juxta London. Lic. Studendi pro Tho. de Oxon.

Fol. 69*a*.

Sir John Bytton's Will. Large bequests to the new **Lady Chapel at K. Abbey**, with £20 for his exequies when buried therein; to Wells Fabric, 6*s.* 8*d.*; to the Church of Bytton the same; also to the Vicar, for obits at various churches, £20; Testament. Dni. Jo. de Button, milt. defuncti et sepult. apud Keynsham.

other bequests to Friars' houses in Bristol; to his overlord Sir Tho. de Berkley, and to Tho. de Cherlton, Archd. of Wells.

At Hanham, 1313.

NOTES IN MARGIN.—(1) The Will proved at Pucklechurch[a] before Bp. de Drokensford. 1314.

[a] Note the Bp. holding a court of Probate in person and out of his own Diocese.

(2) John (son of Testator) proved his full age before the Bp. the Archd. of Wells, and many knights, at Pucklechurch.

May 16, 1314.

Litt. missa Dno. G. Londin. Epo., ad citandum Prebendarium de Skalforde.

Bp. to Bp. of London (Gilbert Segrave). "The Church of **Schalford** in your Diocese is appropriated to **Wells Cathedral** as a Prebend. The Prebendary has not answered at my visitation. No one knows whether he is alive. If alive, cite him to appear by self or proctor at Wells in fifteen days, or certify vacancy." Chew juxta Wells, May, 1314.

Comm. fact. Mgr. Hugoni de Penecriz, Mich. de Eston, et Tho. Alewy, pro termino de Hockeday tenendo.

Bp. to his Knights and other tenants, free or not. Our **Seneschal,** Jo. Randolph, being hindered from holding Hockday[b] Term, we have substituted Canon H. de P., Michael de E. (our receiver), and Tho. Alewy (our Bailiff), to act for him.

East Hampstead, May, 1314.

[b] A fortnight after Easter, a very marked season for tenancies, bargains, manor-court services, and village revelries.

Fol. 69*b*.

Inst. Eccl. de Lampette et End.

MEM.—**Roger de Shefeld,** Clerk, instituted at East Hampstead to Church of **L.**, by proxy (no patron named). Mand. to Archd. of Wells to induct, and to sequestrate late Rector's goods for repairs found needful on survey. May, 1314.

Comm. Dni. G. de Labynton.

Bp. to all his bailiffs and reeves of Manors[c] in Hants, Bedford, Berks, and Surrey, &c., &c. We have appointed **G. de L.,** Clerk, to act with you in the oversight of all the Manors, to hold courts, and audit accounts. East Hampstead, May, 1314.

[c] Private property, on which the Bp. wished to introduce a homogeneous method of control.

Bp. to all his tenants, free or not, and reeves of the Manors of Banwell, Axbridge, Compton. "We have appointed John of Caperidge our **bailiff**; answer to him." Comm. Jo. de Caperugg.

Pirbright juxta Guildford, May, 1314.

Two Canons commissioned to carry on the process commenced in **Bp.'s Visitation** of Chapter, against the Incumbent of **Shalford,** Essex. Comm. fact. Mgr. Tho. de Gorges, Precentori, Will. de Lanton, Can., ad procedend contra Incumbentem Possessionarium Canonicatus et Eccl. ed Schalford, vice et auctoritate Dni.

May, 1314.

Bp., as Collector, appointed by Pope in Council (Vienne), having deputed D. and C., **gives Receipt** for first year's **collection** (part) £200. Money to be kept, with all future sums, in Cathedral. Acquietancia fact. Dec. et Cap. Wells de CC lii. collectis de decimâ serannali imposita per Clement Papam V.

Chew, April, 1314.

NOTE.—Another receipt of like tenor and date, given for 100 mks. [latter words illegible].

MEM.—**Rich. Caygnes,** Pr., inst. at Wanton to **Marston** (Magna) Vicarage. Inst. Vic. Eccl. de Marston.

Archd. Wells to induct. To survey and repair out of sequestrated estate of late Rector. Ind. Sequestratio.

MEM.—In June of his second year, at Wanton, Bp. collated R. de Alresford to **Yeobilton,** "in commendam," the evident interest of that church demanding it. Coll. Eccl. de Yebelton.

Fol. 70*a*.

Letter of Instit., admitting, without formal process, **Adam de Broom** to Church and Prebend of **Bathwick,** vacant by resignation of Robt. de Gardelby. Pat., Abbess of Wherewell, Hants. Admissio Dni. Adae de Brom ad Eccl. de Bathwyke, quae est prebendalis Eccl. convent. de Wherewell.

London, June, 1314.

Mand. to Archd. of Bath to induct.

MEM.—**Grant of 5 mks.,** "de camerâ," to **W. Prilly,** Advocate in Court of Canterbury, as long as he shall serve the Bp. in his suits. Ann. Pensio Mgr. Will. Prilly.

London, May, 1314.

Ann. Pensio Mgr. W. de Bristow.

MEM.—**Grant to W. de B.** of £5 per annum, "de camerâ," until provided out of prebendal benefice. London, May, 1314.

Inst. Capellae de Gose-bradney et Ind.

MEM.—**Humfrey de Barynton,** Pr., inst. at Greenwich to Chapel of Gose-bradon,[a] and received Letter of Inst., with Mandate to Archd. of Taunton to induct. June, 1314.

[a] Merged in South-Bradon since the Valor of Hen. VIII, when it was worth 26*s*. 8*d*.

Copia Procuratorii Ric. de Habering, Can. Lyncoln., cui Dns. apposuit sigillum in testim. praemissorum.

Proxy from sick Canon of Lincoln for appearance at Bp.'s Visitation at Lincoln.

Bp. D. lends his seal for better certification of the allegations. June, 1314.

Inst. Eccl. de Cheriton et Ind.

Adam, son of **Matthew of Bristol,** Clerk, admitted to Church of **Cheriton.** Archd. of Wells to induct.

Wahull (? Weyhill), July, 1314.

Obligatio fact. Priori Hosp. S. Jo. de Jerusalem in Anglia de C li. collectis de cleemos. fidelium pro subsidio Terrae Sanctae, a.d. 1313 et 14.

Bp. acknowledges to hold in deposit by assent of Prior (late Master and Proctor-General in England), £100, and pledges full payment in London, at Easter. London, June, 1314.

NOTE.—A like bond for £100, for money collected in 1312, was surrendered to the Bp. in London, to be cancelled, as being covered by the above bond.

Fol. 70*b*.

Lit. demand. Anton. Officiali ad liberand. Priori S. Johis. de Jerus. £80 et alia reperta in piride et truncis, &c.

Order, same time, given to **Bp.'s Official,** to deliver to the **Prior** £80 deposited in his hands, with all else found in the chests.

Lic. concess. Mgr. Jo. de Messingham, Rectori de Elworthy, quod staret in obsequiis dicti Prioris per i ann.

Rect. of Elworthy licensed at Prior's request, to serve him for one year. Proviso against neglect of his Church and works of mercy.

Procuratorium Will. de Whetele ad recip. C mks. de Priore et Conv. de Hartilesham.

MEM.—**Proxy** given to Will. de Wheatley, a Clerk of the Bp.'s, to receive from Prior of **Hexham** 100 mks. of annual rent.

June, ann. ij (*i.e.*, of the Bp.'s Cons.).

NOTE.—A bond of the Prior of Durham for £100 handed to the Proctor; and also a quittance, sealed by the Bp., for £40, in case the Prior should pay in part.

IN MARGIN.—A Mem. that W. de W. delivered the Hexham writings at Wahull, with the cash from Durham. Aug., ann. ij.

Licent. Studendi conc. Will. Gacelin Rect. Eccl. de Strete.

Licence to **Will. Gacelin**, "in formâ communi," for one year, and then renewed from July, 1315.

IN MARGIN.—40*s.*: no doubt the price of the privilege.

Institt. Eccl. de Bleadon.

MEM.—**John de Assheby** inst. to **Bleadon** Rectory. Pat., H., Bp. of Winchester. Lond., July, 1314.

Ind. by Archd. of Wells, and sequestration.

Inst. Eccl. de Loketon.

MEM.—**Robt. de Tyntehull** inst. to **Rect. of Loxton.** Pat., Luke Barry. London, July, 1314.

Ind.

Ind. by Archd. of Wells.

Inst. Vic. de Est. Harptre et Ind.

MEM.—Bp. collated **Roger de Frampton**, Pr., to Vic. of prebendal church of **E. H.**; by lapse.

London, 6 Id. July, 1314.

MEM.—A Letter of Presentation by **Walter**, Vicar of **Mere**, was exhibited to Bp. in London, July 11.

MEM.—The Dean of Wells certified Bp. that Rich. de Mere, Vic. of E. Harptre, died in Jan., 1314, and was buried there, and so the church had lain vacant, to the neglect of pastoral care.

London, 8 Id. July, 1314.

Inst. Eccl. de Badpalton et Ind.

MEM.—**Adam de Pouleshele** inst. to **B.**, and received Letter of Institution. Pat., Will. de Pouleshele. Archd. of Wells to induct, saving pension to Milverton Prebendal Church.

London, July, 1314.

Fol. 71*a*.

Ann. Pensio Mgr. G. de Eyton de Cs.

Bp. grants to Geoffrey de Eyton, Clerk, £5, "de camerâ," for his counsel in episcopal affairs, until provided for in Wells Cathedral. July, 1314.

Lit. dimiss.

MEM.—Dimissory to **Will. Galle**, literate, to obtain minor orders from any Catholic Bp. July, 1314.

Inst. Vic. de Canyngton.

Will. de Trente, Chaplain, inst. to **Cannington**.

London, July, 1314.

Ind. by Archd. of Taunt.

Lic. Studendi.

Robt. de Haselschawe, Propositus Welliæ, to study for one year at Aurel (? Orleans), "aut ubi studium est approbatum."

Greenwich, July, ann. ij (1311).

The Provost of the Cathedral. His duty consisted in managing the revenues of Combe St. Nicholas, constituting the corpus of 15 Prebends. This youth, collated by his kinsman, the late Bp., was as yet only a student. Studium = University.

Comm. Wigorn. Epi.

(*Cancelled.*)

NOTE IN MARGIN.—These writs, *i.e.*, to the Bps. of Worcester and of Llandaff, were drawn at Fotheringhay,[a] 8 Id. Aug., to be carried into the Diocese by Alan, the messenger.

[a] On June 24 the King was routed at Bannockburn, and fell under control of the barons of the Lancastrian party. The Bp. was either in attendance on the King, or within his call.

NOTE IN TEXT.—If Bp. of W. cannot come to ordain, a commission to be drafted in like terms for Bp. of Llandaff.

Lit. missa Officiali de fructibus de Chiselburgh sequest.

MEM.—**Writ to Official** to get together in one safe place the fruits of the sequestrated Rectory of **Chiselborough**.

Fotheringhay, Aug. 13.

Lit. transmissa Dno. Dec. et Cap.

MEM.—**Chapter** to be prepared at Michaelmas to render account to auditor of their collection of the **decima sexannalis of Pope Clement**. Fotheringhay, Aug., 1314.

Archd. to cite **Deanery Chapter** to enquire touching vacancy of Church of **Staple**. Mulesworth, Aug., 1314. Lit. transmissa Archd. Cantuar. vel Offi. suo super inquisitione de Stapele.

Fol. 71*b*.

Archd. to **institute** and **induct** presentee, if the finding of the Chapter is favourable. To report issue to Bp. Mulesworth, Aug., 1314. Comm. ad admittend et inst. presentatum ad Eccl. de Stapele.

W. de Wengrabe, Clerk, inst. to **Rect. of Porlock.** Archd. of Taunt. to induct. Institt. Eccl. de Porlok.

Letter dimissory to W. de W. to obtain orders from any Catholic Bp. in England. Aug., 1314. Dimiss.

Canon Bruton is to report on benefices found vacant at last visitation, "et si quam gratiam de eisdem beneficiis cum incumbentibus Dominus facere potêrit." Wahull, Aug., 1314. Lit. direct. Mgr. Jo. de Bruton pro beneficiis vacant.

i.e., Vacated by plurality or insufficiency of orders, causes remediable by dispensation, which the Bishop might in some cases procure, or grant "de gratiâ."

Commission to two Canons to keep under close **sequestration** the fruits of vacant benefices, providing for cure of souls. Wahull, Aug., 1314. Comm. fact. Mgrs. Antonio de Bradeney et Jo. de Bruton pro fruct. beneficiorum in diac. de jure vacant. sequestrandis.

Bp. to his Official. **Prior of St. B.** complains of excommunication threatened by the **Official of Taunton** (Archdeaconry). "Inquire cause, stay issue till we come, or if justice forbids delay, write at once to us." Wahull, Sept., 1314. Lit. directa Antonio de Bradneye, Officiali, pro Priore Hosp. S. Barthol., Lond.

Instit. to **Yarlington Rect.** cancelled, because the Bp. had issued Commission to two Canons, as follows :—

Fol. 72*a*.

Commission to two Canons to examine the verdict (probably of the Decanal Chapter) touching the vacancy, &c., to examine presentee, and if satisfied, to institute and induct, and report to Bp. Wahull, Sept., 1314. Comm. pro Mgrs. Ant. de Bradneye et Jo. de Bruton ad exam. institt. et ind. presentatum de Yerlington.

Lit. demandata Dec. et Cap. pro mercatoribus Bardorum de Florencia.

Bp. to Chapter. "Anent the first year's collection of the Decima sexannali, we send copy of King's brief touching the coin, if any, in your hands beyond the 500 mks. already paid, or beyond the sum deposited with the merchants. You probably have received a like letter in behalf of the said merchants. As this matter touches us as well as you, do not answer 'aliqualiter;' think well, 'quid agendum.' The Earl of Leicester's letter, sent herewith, urges me 'ex habundanti.'" Wahull, Nov., 1314.

Note. Responsio super ista lit. patebit postea in quaterno in quo brevia intitulantur.

Acquiet. fact. Priori de Hertilesham de C mks. et respectus de aliis C mks.

Bp.'s Receipt to Prior of Hexham for three horses and 20 mks., equal 100 mks., due for arrears. Respite for the other rent till Michaelmas. Skelton-by-York, Sept., 1314.

Acquiet. fact. Dno. J. Epo. Karl. de den. pro equo empto de eodem.

MEM.—**Bp.'s receipt for** £20 (value of horse) towards £40 due from the Bp. of Carlisle's Manor of Horncastle.

Temple Newsham, Oct., 1314.

Another acquittance for £20 for a later rent in consideration of the same horse.

Anu. Pensio concess. Dno. Will. Bruel.

Bond to Will. Bruel for his services past and to come, for **pension of** 40*s*., "de camerâ," until beneficed.

Wodhull, Aug., 1314.

Lic. Stud.

Will. de Pykesleyh, Rector of Portion of **Backwell,** licensed to study for one year, "in transmarinis vel in cismarinis partibus," at the instance of Rich. Rodney. Mikelfeld, Sept., 1314.

Roger, brother of William, Rect. of **Weston-super-Mare,** is licensed at the same time and in same terms.

Lit. Dimiss.

Letter dimissory to the above William to be ordained by any Bp. of the Province.

The same to **John le Gyst** to get first tonsure.

York, Oct., 1314.

Comm. fact. Dno. Gilberto Enachdun Epo. ad Eccl. de Burnham ded.

MEM.—Commission to **Suffragan Bp. to consecrate Burnham Church,** rebuilt "funditer." York, Oct., 1314.

MEM.—This Commission, owing to the Bp. consecrating in person, took no effect.

Fol. 72*b*.

Will. de Hampton, Rect. of **Badgworth**, licensed to study for one year, "sub formâ communi." London, Nov., 1314. Lic. Stud.

Tho. de Ile, Clerk, licensed to obtain orders, great and less, from any Bp. of the Province. Same date. Dimiss.

Will. de Valletort, Subdeac., Rect. of **Charlynch**, licensed to study for one year, "in cismarinis vel transmarinis ubi viget studium generale." Greenwich, Dec., 1314. Lic. Stud.

He had previous leave for a year's study at Oxford. 1313.

Will. de Valletort licensed to seek Deacon's orders of any Catholic Bp. Lit. Dim.

Bp. to all his Bailiffs, Reeves, &c. We have appointed Rich. de Forde, Hen. de Penkridge, Rich. de Rodney, and Rich. de Canyngton **auditors** of your accounts; two to be a quorum. Conc. fact. pro Compoto in Epatu audiendo.

London, Nov., 1314.

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MEM.—**Stephen de Stonere**, Deac., inst. at Wanton to Church of **Whatley**; John Laycock having resigned it at same time. Deed of resignation is in Registrar's hand. Dec. 13, 1314. Inst. et Ind.

MARG. NOTE.—Pro non resident. XX*s*., *i.e.*, the Fee charged for Licence.

MEM.—**John de Ramesham**, Capell., inst. to Vic. of **Fyfhid** (Fivehead), and sworn residence, &c. Pirbright, Dec., 1314. Inst. et Ind.

Archd. of Taunt. to induct.

John de Assheby, Acol. (R. of Bleadon), licensed to seek Deacon's and Sub-deacon's orders from any Bp. of Province. Lit. Dim.

Eston, Dec., 1314.

MEM.—**John de Petrestre**, Pr., inst. to Rect. of **Sutton Cannel**[a] (? Camel). **John de Bristol** resigning to Bp. same time. The deed of resignation sealed with seal of Wells (Dean's) Officialty. Rockborne, Dec., 1314. Inst. et Induct.

[a] Called also Sutton Montisacuti, from its lords the Montacutes; now Sutton Montis. Also called Sutton-juxta-Cadbury. Fol. 139*b*.

Archd. of Wells to induct.

MEM.—**John de Bristol** inst., same time, to **Vic. of Chewton.** Pat., Abbot of Jumieges, in Rouen Diocese, by his Proctor, Prior of Hayling.

Chewton resigned by J. de P. by deed attested by seal of Rural Dean of Frome.

Archd. of Wells to induct.

Inst. et Ind. **Will. Mynch,** Pr., inst. to Church of **Sparkford.**

Chew, Dec., 1314.

Archd. of Wells to induct.

NOTE.—Richard de Karkeney orally resigned Sparkford at Deveril Longbridge.

Litt. Testimoniales. Also, **John de Elme,** Pr., had his letters (? by extract from ordination register) to testify his ordinations by Bp. Burnel.

Same date.

Inst. et Ind. Dns. **Andrew de Tettewell,** Pr., inst.[a] at Banwell to a perpetual Chantry, as one of the chaplains in the Church of **Puckington.**

[a] "Prout portio sua requirit," *i.e.*, as a portioner, one of a collegiate body.

Archd. of Taunt. to induct.

Coll. et Inst. Eccl. de Yevilton. **Rich. de Alresford** collated and inst. to Rect. of Yeovilton. Archd. of Wells to induct. Rockborne, Dec., 1314.

Fol. 73*b*.

Reconciliatio Eccl. de Fermisham. MEM.—**The Bp. reconciled the Churchyard of F.,** in Lincoln Diocese, after bloodshed, under Commission from the Diocesan.

Oct. 26, 1314.

Dedicatio Eccl. Deveril Langbrigge. MEM.—**The Bp.,** under a general Commission from the Bp. of Sarum, **consecrated the Church of Longbridge Deveril,** and **five altars,** viz.: 1. The High Altar; 2. St. Cross; 3. St. Mary; 4. St. James the Ap. and St. Blase; 5. St. Nicholas, Bp., and St. Giles, Abbot.

Lic. Stud. MEM.—**Robt. de Beauchamp,** Rect. of **Lymington,** licensed to study for one year in Oxford, "aut ubi," &c. Wells, 1314.

Will. de Gildeford,[a] Rect. of **Yarlington,** licensed to seek Deacon's orders from any Catholic Bp. Wyveliscombe, Jan., 1314–15. **Lit. Dim.**

[a] *Alibi* Gildeford.

MEM.—**Hugh,** called **Fairgroom,** of **Gybele** (Yeovil), licensed to seek such minor orders as he lacks, and the sacred orders from any Bp. of the Province. Langley, Jan., 1314–15. **Dimiss.**

Rich. Bastard, Rect. of **Hatch Beauchamp,** licensed to study for one year at Oxford, "aut alibi ubi," &c. Jan., 1314–15. **Lic. Stud.** 1 mk. (*i.e., Fee for Lic.*).

MEM.—In April, ann. xv operiente, Bp. licensed **Adam,** Rect. of **Chiriton,** Acol., to study for one year, on condition that he should obtain Subdeacon's orders within a year of his institution. **Lic. Stud.** ½ mk. (*i.e., Fee*).

MEM.—**Will.,** Rect. of **Badgworth,** Subdeac., licensed to study for one year. London, Nov., ann. ij. **Lic. Stud.**

Bp. to Prioress of Cannington, allowing her House to lodge and board the wife and two sisters of **John Fychet** during his absence, but not at any cost to the Convent or its rule. Wollavington, Dec. 27, 1314. **Lit. directa Priorissae et Conv. de Canynton pro perhendinatione mulierum.**

See Hugo App. 104.

The Fychets of Spaxton were a branch of the Malet family, and near neighbours to the convent. The Bp. had issued a general prohibition against making the convent profitable and pleasant as a lodging house. He waived it in cases. *See* fol. 74*b*, 149*b*.

Rich. de Wyk, Clerk, inst. to Rect. of **W.-in-G.** Archd. of Bath to induct. Feb., 1314–15, at La Place by Lambeth. **Inst. Eccl. de Weston in Gordano.**

R. de Wyk licensed to study for one year. **Lic. Stud.**

Jo. de Whytetworth, Clerk, inst. by proxy, to Chapelry of **East Lambrook.** Letter of ind. to Archd. of Taunton, but letter of inst. withheld till sworn in person before Bp. London, Feb., 1314–15. **Inst. Eccl. de Est Lambrok.**

Sir Robt. Fitzpayne presented **Will. de Pillaund,** Clerk, to Rect. of **Kingston,** who at once obtained Letter of Inquiry [*i.e.*, "de vacatione," in decanal Chapter.] Same date. **Presentatio ad Eccl. de Kingeston.**

Pro liberatione Clerici incarcerati pro debito pecuniarum.

The Bp. to the King. By Him, through whom Kings reign, &c., &c. "**Robt. de Maundebille,** Clerk ('et pro Clerico habitus'), having been imprisoned for money-debt in Newgate, London, contrary to Statute (viz., that Clerks should not be seized, as laymen, for this kind of debt), we beseech your Highness for his liberation," &c., &c. Melles, Dec. 6, 1314.

Lic. Stud.

MEM.—**Adam de Pykelslegh,** Rect. of **Hutton,** Subdeac., licensed to study for one year. London, 1314.

Fol. *74a.*

Collatio Vicariae de Ilminstre devoluta ad provisionem Dni. propter Inhabilitatem presentati.

MEM.—**Muchelney Abbey** having presented as Vic. of **Ilminster,** a man "inhabilis" by his own confession and by sundry proofs, the **Bp. collated,** by lapse, **Will. de Dulberne,** Pr., and instituted him. London, Feb., 1314–15.

No induction.

Inst. Eccl. de Melles et Ind.

Rich. de Lughtreburgh, dict. Ostage, inst. to Rect. of **Mells,** vacant by resignation of Edmund de Morle. Pat., Abbey of Glastonbury. Archd. Wells to induct. London, Feb., 1314–15.

Ind. in Eccl. de Henton Bluet.

Will. de Littleton, Clerk, admitted by proxy to Rect. of **Hinton Bluet.** Pat., John de Bytton.

Letter of *Induction* granted, *not* of Institution, until sworn to canonical obedience in person.

Lic. dimittendi Eccl. ad firmam.

40*s.* (*i.e.*, *Fee for the Privilege.*)

MEM.—**Robt.,** Rect. of **Clutton,** licensed to lease his Rectory (*i.e.*, Tithes and Glebe) to Mgr. John Walweyn, Clerk, for five years. London, Feb., ann. ij.

Inst. Vicariae de Yebele.

Will. de Wodeford inst. to Vic.[a] of **Yeobil.** Pat., Canon Robt. de More, Rector of said Church.

London, in Bp.'s chapel, Feb., 1314–15.

Ind. in eandem.

Archd. of Wells to induct.

[a] The Vicarage and Rectory were both presentative benefices, probably owing to habitual non-residence of Rectors.

Fol. 74*b*.

Rich. Bigot, of **Chiselborough**, Clerk, licensed to obtain orders from any Bp. of Province; to exhibit this as his title. London, March, 1314–15. Lit. dispens. ut a quobis Epo. ordin. possit.

Rich. de Spettisbury, Pr., inst. to Vic. of **Montacute**, vacant by resignation of Reginald Husee. Pat., Prior of Montacute. London, March, 1314–15. Inst. Vic. de Monte-acuto.

Archd. of Wells to induct. Ind.

Bp. commissions Canon Bradney to sit in cause between **Reg. Husee**, presented to Great Weston (probably Zoyland) and Tho. de Hempeford, "possessioni incumbentem." Process to be forwarded to Bp. with speed. Comm. in Causa Presentati ad Eccl. de Magnâ Weston.

Bp. to Prioress of Canyngton, to warrant her housing **Isabel B.**, at I. B.'s cost, if it should be found beneficial to both. La Place, Feb. 18, 1314–15. Perhendinatio Is. Barayl apud Canynton.

Walter, Rect. of **Exton**, leave to study seven years in Oxford, "aut alibi in Angliâ, si studeat sicut convenit." March, 1314–15. Lic. Stud.

The same licensed to seek orders from any Bp. of Province who finds him "idoneus." Same date. Lit. Dim.

Nic. le Saubage inst. to Rect. of **Asholt**, vice Simon his brother. Archd. Taunton to induct. Same date. Inst. et Ind. Eccl. de Hassholt.

John, son of Nic. de Otlee, to seek minor orders from any Bp. of Province. London, ann. ij. Lit. Dimiss.

Simon, son of Dns. **Will. de Monteacuto**, to seek orders from any Catholic Bp. Same date. Lit. Dimiss.

Roger de Langlond, Rect. of **High Ham**, for one year, at instance of G. de Badelond. Same date. Lic. Stud.

Bp. to his beloved sons in Christ, &c. "To repel Scotch invasion, the Abp., Abbots, and Clergy of his Province have Lit. ad exigend. colligend. et recipiend.

Decimam. concess. pro defensione Eccl. et Regni Angliae.

granted to King a Tenth of ecclesiastical benefices. Let all Archds., Abbots, exempt or not, and other clergy, under pain of excommunication, pay according to the last valor (1292) by the Feasts of the Invention (May 3) and Exaltation (Sept. 14) of the Cross. The money to be deposited in Wells Cathedral."

Wanton, 16 Kal. April, probably 1315.

Fol. 75*a*.

Lic. Stud.

Robt. de Herdewyk, Pr., Rector of **Wanstrow**, has extended leave of one year to study in Oxford, "aut alibi in Anglia."

Greenwich, 7 Id. March, 1314–15.

Inst. et Ind.

MEM.—**Will. de Herlaston**, Pr., inst. to Chapel of **South Chirynton**, "juxta vim Inquisitionis."

La Place, 4 Id. March, 1314–15.

Lit. directa Dno. W. Cant. Archiepo. pro iiij den. de marca.

Bp. to Abp. "Bp. will obey his Abp. (Walter Reynolds) if possible, but Abp. will remember that when the Bp. of Norwich was with the King in the North, on the business of the Clerus of this Province, the Bp. was under obedience, and then it was ordered by late Abp. R. (Winchelsea) that he was to receive £50 from the Prior of Holy Trinity, London, for his expenses in collecting the 4*d.* per mk. in his diocese. Bp. will ascertain whether there be a residue of £50 at Wells, and, if possible, will relieve Abp. of his burden."[a] 1315.

[a] Our ignorance of these complex dealings forbids explanation.

Inst. et Ind.

Jo. de Bolinghope, Pr., inst. to **Cruket** (Cricket) **Thomas**, resigned by Tho. de Cruket. Pirbright, April, 1315.

Archd. of Taunton to induct.

Lit. Dimiss.

John de Assheby, Rect. of **Bleadon**, Deac., to seek Priest's orders from any Catholic Bp. Douton, April, 1315.

Lic. dimittendi fructus ad firmam.

John Wayn, Rect. of **Wrington**, licensed to lease one year's fruits of the Chapels of **Burrington** and **Bradfield**.[b]

Ad instanciam Dn. Mariæ de Ambresbury, 1315.

[b] This must have stood on Broadfield Down in the N.E. part of Wrington parish. It was extinct before H. VIII's valor. The Lady Maria must have been the Abbess of A.

Will. de Exon, Pr., inst. to Vic. of Prebendal Church of **Cleebe.** Pat., Richard (Abbot) elect of Cleeve and his Convent, perpetual lessees under Bec Abbey. Evercreech, May 15, 1315. Inst. Vicariae de Clybe.

Archd. of Wells to induct. Ind.

Tho. de Weston, Acol., inst. to Chapel of **East Lambrook.** Pat., Robt. de Quantoxhead. Banwell, May, 1315. Inst. Capell. de Est Lambrok et Ind.

Chancellor of Wells to induct.

MEM.—**Henry de Clif** inst. to Rect. of **Cheselborough.** Pat., Francis de Aldham. Blackford, May, 1315. Inst. in Eccl. de Cheselbergh. Ind.

Will. de Stowford, Clerk, to Rect. of **St. John's, Ilchester.** Pat., the King, by reason of the lands of Edm., late Earl of Cornwall. Kingsbury, May, 1315. Inst. Eccl. de Yebelcestre.

W. de Pilland, Clerk, admitted to Rect. of **Kingston**, by proxy. Not to have letters of inst. till sworn in person by Bp. Rockborne, May. Admissio Will. de Pilland ad Eccl. de Kingston.

Archd. Taunt. to induct.

Faint note at bottom of page about a commission to Canon Bruton in *re* Kingston.

Some notes in margin illegible through tight sewing.

Fol. 75*b*.

Grant of Pension (salary) 40*s*. per annum to Rich. de Rodwell for services in Arches Court. (*Struck out.*)

Robt. de Lee, Pr., inst. to Vic. of **Winscombe.** Pat., D. and C. of Wells. Wyveliscombe, May, 1315. Inst. ad Vic. de Wynescumb.

Archd. of Wells to induct. Ind.

Bp. to Adam de Pouleshele, Acol., Rect. of **Badyalton.** A letter of much formality. Great need of learned clergy, will grant him one year's study in Oxford, "aut ubi," &c. Proviso, (1) parochial duties are fulfilled; (2) a competent "procurator" manages the benefice, and answers the call of the ordinaries and of the chaplain in charge. Wyveliscombe, May, 1315. Lic. Stud.

Lic. Absentandi Rec. de Sevenhampton. 40s. (*i.e.*, *Fee*). 1 mk.

Bp. to Tho. de Granden, Rect. of **Seabington St. Michael.** At request of Dowager (matris) Countess of Gloucester, grants him one year's absence in her service (obsequio). Proviso, a Proctor to provide for the "onera" of the parish, including relief of poor, and to pay one mk. to Wells Fabric-master.

Wyveliscombe, May, 1315.

Acquietancia Henrici de Insulae.

Testimonial. Henry de Lisle has served faithfully as our Receiver. This is sealed as his full acquittance.

Wyveliscombe, May 12, 1315.

Lic. Stud. prius concess. et pro causâ de magna gratiâ ratificata.

Bp. to Nich. de Albynslo, Rect. of **Pylle.** Under request in your behalf, we grant two years (more) at Oxford, "aut ubi," &c., according to the Statute of Abp. Boniface, &c. Proviso, a Proctor, &c. Previous licence ratified.

Nov., 1309, *i.e.*, just after Consecration.

Highly abbreviated.

Fol. *76a.*

(*Crossed out.*)

Pension (salary) granted to Oliver de Grytton, Clerk, 40*s.* "de camerâ" (until beneficed), for his usefulness to the Diocese.

NOTE.—Cancelled by his obtaining Rect. of Charlcombe, by Bp.'s means.

Comm. Mgr. Hugonis de Penecriz presentandi ad beneficia vacancia.

Robt. de Haselschawe, Probost of the Cathedral, appoints Canon Penkridge his **Proxy** to exercise his patronage without delay. Wells, Feb. 7, 7 Ed. II.

Inst. et Ind. Vicariae de Cumbe Epi.

MEM.—**H. de Hampton**, Pr., inst. to **Combe (St. Nicolas)**, on presentation of Canon P. under the above deputation.

Woky, Jan., 1315.

Dean of Wells to induct.

Inst. et Ind. Vic. de Nyenhide.

MEM.—**Rich., called le Bellringer**, inst. to Vic. of **Nineheade.** Pat., Prior of Taunton. Same date.

Archd. of Taunton to induct.

Lic. Stud. ad bienn. 2 mks. (*i.e.*, *Fee*).

Roger de Langlond, Rect. of **High Ham**, licensed for two years. Banwell, Dec., 1315.

John de Weston, Rect. of **East Lambrook**, Chap., licensed for one year; to pay ½ mk. to the Fabric-master, Wells. Lic. Stud. Mgr. Rect. de Est Lambrok.

Bp. commissions three Canons to determine cause between **Robt. de Alcwy**, Clerk, presented to Rectory of **Kingweston**, and Simon, "possessioni incumbentem;" commenced before Canon Bruton, Commissary, on visitation; extract from Visitation Acts forwarded. Powers of coercion for enforcing decision. Comm. in Causâ de Kynewardestone.

Blackford, Aug., 1315.

MEM.—**John Noreys** exhibited to Bp. the verdict (of Ruri-decanal chapter) touching vacancy of K., and the person of the Presentee, and asks for copy, and also copy of the Visitation Acts touching Simon, and Simon's confession "judicialiter factam;" both granted. 8 Id. Aug., 1315. Exhibitio Inquisit. super vacatione Eccl. de Kynewardestone, et Petit. Procuratoris Presentati.

Fol. *76b.*

Pope Clement V (9th year, *i.e.*, 1317) to **John de Montfort**, Rect. of **Poole** (Dorset), Sarum Diocese, value 10 mks. Dispensation to hold **Combe-hay** Rect., value 7 mks., the Acts of General Council notwithstanding; proviso for due cure of souls. Dispens. Rect. de Cumbe Hawye.

Bp. to D. and Chap., reciting **King's Writ** in full, viz.:— "**Grant by Prelates and Clerus** in Parlt. at Westminster, of **Tenth** of Benefices, payable at two terms; hasten the collection, defence of borders very urgent; bearer of the coin to have safe conduct to Westminster, and 'cariagium,'[a] if needed, on show of this writ. Touching petitions of clergy in Parlt., which could not then be treated, we are considering them in Council. The answer will favor the honor and utility of the Church." Breve de Decima concess. Dno. Regi pro Scocia.

[a] Costs of convoy.

King's Writ to Sheriffs, &c., to pay "cariagium" to the Sub-collectors. May 1, 8th of reign, Westminster. Comm. ad Vicecomites pro cariagio et salvo conductu.

Then the Bp. enjoins D. and C. to forward, at King's cost, pursuant to his Writ, all the money collected, and to get acquittance at the Exchequer. Banwell, June, 1315.

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Citatio Dni. Alani Ploknet super violenta manuum injectione in Decanum.

Bp. to Nich. Poynz, Rect. of Curry Malet, and **Will. de Modeford,** Rect. of Tyntenhull. "Though testamentary freedom is a human right, and the Lady H. de Ploknet in the exercise thereof willed her body to be buried in Sherborne Minster, her son, Sir Alan, in despite of duty and reverence, buried her in a more humble place. We, therefore, 'ex officio debito,' desiring to give effect to the deceased's Will, employed A., Rect. of Dowlish Wake and Rural Dean of Crewkerne (Cruk), to carry our letter monitory to Sir Alan at Haselbury, to the intent that he should bury the body in the chosen spot; but the said Knight in his rage seized him by the throat, and 'per capnom' (capistrum?) round his neck squeezed out blood; then, after his escape, retook him, and made him eat and swallow the letter with the wax. Upon which notorious facts, the sentence of major excommunication issued; but the Knight proceeded to disembowel (disenterare) the body, thereby incurring another excommunication. You therefore are to cite him to appear before us in Wells Cathedral the first law-day after the F. of SS. Pet. and Paul. Copy hereof to be served in the Manor-house of Haselbury, or on Altar of parish Church." Banwell, Kal. June, 1315.

See 78*a* for proceedings.

Fol. 77*b*.

Breve Dni. Regis pro Mgr. et Frat. Hosp. S. Jo. de Brugewater.

King. to Bp. "The Master and Brethren of St. John's having shown their exemption (on account of poverty) from Tenth granted by Pope, do not levy from them the Tenth granted to us by the Clergy." Thunderle, May 12, 8th year.

Dimissio Mri. et Frat. Hosp. S. Jo. de Br. ab exactione Dec.

Bp., by virtue of above Writ, **certifies** the Hosp. **quit** of the levy of the Tenth. Banwell, June, 1315.

[*Next four entries in different hand.*]

Citat. fact. Thomae de Yanesworth, Possess. Eccl. de Markesbury, ad comp. coram

MEM.—**Tho. de Y.,** Incumbent of Tychesee, in London Diocese, being in possession of Rect.

of **Marksbury**, cited to Wells to show cause why the Presentee of the Abbot of Glastonbury should not enter. June 1, 1312.

Dno. ostensurus et propositurus quare Jo. de Pykesle ad ecel. presentatus non debeat admitti.

MEM.—**Bp. absolved Prior of Bath**, by his Proxy, J. de E., from excommunication imposed for non-payment of subsidy to King, reserving the 'pœna' to be imposed. Banwell, 6 Non. June, 1312.

Absolutio Fris. Robt. Prioris Bath. et Jo. de Esser comonachi ejus pro non solutione 4d. de marcâ suis term.

50*s.* **salary** granted, "de camerâ," to **J. de Babcary**, Pr., until beneficed.

Ann. Pensio Dni. Jo. de Babbecary.

Agreement by Indenture. **J. de B.** withdraws at his own cost all pleas in **King's Court** against Bp. touching Church of **Charlcombe.** **Bp.** will never trouble **J. de B.** about this plea. June 5, 1312.

Indent. fact. inter Jo. de Bytton sup. placita inter eos mota pro Eccl. de Cherlcombe.

Letter of Attorney to Tho. Ayllewy to collect for Bp. all **scutage** due on his Knights' Fees in Somerset from the 34th of Edw. I, "pro exercitu Scociæ ejusdem anni," 1305–6, at 40*s.* the Fee. Blackford, June, 8th of Ed. II (1315).

Una Patenta fact. Tho. Aylewy pro scutagio levando de omn. feodis Dni. in Somerset.

Fol. 78*a*.

MEM.—Sat. after F. of S. Dunstan, June, 1315. **Sir Alan Ploknet** appeared **before Bp.** and his Assessors, Dean Godelee, the Official, Canon Bradney, Canon Ford, and others, in Chapel of Blackford manor. Being charged with forcing the Rural Dean to swallow the deed of citation, Sir Alan denied it, stating that, not believing the Dean to be the Bp.'s messenger, he caused him to be severely beaten, but with no other ill-treatment—that he saw the Dean swallow the deed uncompelled, terrified, he supposed, by his threats. His conscience was much grieved for his violence and for his disobedience; he now asks pardon and absolution, "pro quantitate delicti," implying penance proportioned to the fault. He had suffered much in grief for his mother's death, and by the burning of his buildings.

Comparitio et Confessio Alani de Ploknet mil. sup. violenta manuum injectione in Rec. de Cruk.

The Bp., considering his contrition, &c., pronounced **absolution**

thus:—"We John, &c., absolve thee, Sir A. P., from sentence of excommunication incurred for injection of hands on the Dean and Priest, and for other injuries, light 'ut asseris, modo tamen supradicto,' on condition of your satisfying the injured; and We restore you to the Unity of the Church."

Acquiet. Antonio de Bradney de xl l. iiij d. missis Dno. Archiepo.

Bp.'s Acquittance to his Official for £40, collected under vote of last provincial Council (for the King), which Bp. consigns to Abp.[a] by hand of his Official's Clerk. Wyveliscombe, June, 1315.

[a] The money was not consigned to the King's Exchequer, which was in contest between the King and the Barons, but to the Abp., who had from his position a better chance of securing the money for the public necessities.

Concessio Cantariae fact. Will. de Cheigne in oratorio suo propter infirm. uxoris suae.

MEM.—**Bp. grants to Will. de Ch.** and Amice his wife, to celebrate "divina" in their oratory, constructed within their **Manor-court**; Chaplain to be found by them; revocable at instance of Rich. de Plymstock, saving rights of mother Church of **Mellow.** Chew, July, 1315.

Inst. Eccl. de Henton Bluet.

MEM.—**Will. de Lytleton** admitted to Rect. of **H. B.** by Proxy, at La Place, and received letters of Ind., not of Inst., because he did not appear in person; afterwards was instituted at Banwell, swore obedience, and received letters. June, 1315.

Comm. in Causa de Okeburn (? *Ogborne, Wilts*).

Canons Patton and Bradney commissioned to determine the cause opened before Bp. between Adam and Robert **Russell,** of Okeburn, plaintiffs, and **Jo., Rect. of Nunney,** defendant; with powers of coercion. Chew, July, 1315.

Fol. 78*b*.

Lit. pro Canonico de Canton, transmisso apud Keynsham pro penitentiâ ibidem peragendâ.

Bp. to Abbot of Keynsham. Andrew of Sowy, **Canon of Taunton Priory,** convicted before us of incontinence, is committed to your House for fulfilment of following penances (full details), at your cost. We lay it on your conscience to treat him wisely, according to his contrition. Woky, June, 1315.

Both Houses were Augustinian.

Bp. to Nich., Vicar of Chard (*see* below). "Desirous of maintaining our predecessor's Constitutions, one of which is that parishioners should offer on the **dedication-days** of their church the same amount as at Christmas, and hearing that some of your people demur, We commit unto you powers of censure; informing us of recusants' names." Blackford, June, 1315. Lit. pro Oblationibus praestandis die dedicationis Eccl. sicut in die Natalis Dni.

Bp., as Collector of Pope Clement's Tenth, to Canons H. de Schavington (Archd. of Taunt.), and Bradney, appointing them **Auditors** of Accounts rendered by the Sub-collectors in Diocese, with coercive powers. Wyveliscombe, June, 1315. Comm. ad audiend. Computum collectae primi anni Decimae Septennalis.

Tho. de Oxon, Rect. of Rode, licensed for one year, "juxta constit. novellam." Pontington, Kal. April, 1315. Licentia Studendi.

Bp. to Vicar of Wellington. (*See* letter to Vic. of Chard) Same preamble and powers as in the Chard Letter, but includes "mortuaries," with dedication-day offerings. Lit. pro oblationibus et mortuariis Welington.

Wyveliscombe, June, 1315.

Mortuaries are thus defined:—

"Quod decedentes parochiani, sive conjugati, sive soluti, necnon et viduæ, testati et intestati, melius averium post primum et mobilia hujusmodi decedentium secund. veram estimationem pro decimis majoribus et minoribus et aliis juribus ecclesiarum (quarum parochiani existunt) oblitis, sine contradictione aliquâ illi altari unde debet, præstare tenentur." (*See* fol. 96*a*.)

Bp. grants freedom to Rich., son of Adam Attewych of **Fibehead** (hod. Fitzhead), **Wybeliscombe** Manor, his serf; free to enter Holy Orders, but bound to serve the Bp. and successors, "præ ceteris." Lit. Manumiss. Ric. Attewych.

Same day he conferred **first tonsure** on Richard, on Martin of Sandhill, and Jo. of Bicknoller, in Wyveliscombe Church, after First Mass; and on Jas. Trethewy, of Exon. Dio., under Lit. Dimiss. for Minor Orders. [N.B.—Letter kept in the Chapel in the Court-house by the Bp.'s Chamber.]

Lit. data Jo. de Dene ut possit terram et tenem. de Dene assignare.

Bp. licenses J. de Dene to assign his fief of Dene (? in West Cranmore), saving the life-interest of his wife Juliana, to anyone. Combwich, June, 8th of Ed. II.

Approbatio de Ecel. de Heghamme concessa ad firmam iij ann.

Bp. to John de Berewych, Pr. "**Roger de Langelond, Rect. of High Ham,** having leased to you his Rect. for three years, We hereby approve of same, saving the duties of the Church and cure of souls." Burnham, June, 1315.

Fol. 79*b*.

Lit. dim.

MEM.—**Nic. Savage,** Acol., Rect. of **Asholt,** to obtain Subdeaconship of any Bp. of Province. Same date.

Comm. in Causa de Merkesbury.

MEM.—**Canons Schabington and Plymstock** commissioned to adjudge the **Marksbury** cause. (*See* fol. 77*b*.)

Comm. fact. Robt. de Fromond sup. Custodia Vic. de Assecote.

MEM.—**Rob. de F.,** Rect. of **Godebeleye** (where?) admitted in person to custody of fruits of vacant Church of Ashcote, for benefit of Wells Fabric. Chew, June, 1315.

Adm. et Inst. Vic. de Wynesford.

Rich. de Halleferm, Pr., inst. to V. of **Winsford.** Pat., Priory of Barlynch. Chew, July, 1315.

End.

Archd. of Taunt. to induct, and impose oath to pay pension to late blind Vicar, until otherwise ordered by Bp.

Manumissio Nic. fil. Rogeri le Webbe.

Bp., at instance of Sir Ralph Mounthermer, **manumits** N., son of Rog. le W., of Westerleigh, in **Pucklechurch** Manor, his serf; free to take Holy Orders, but if made Priest, and "fructuosus," to serve the Bp. and successors "præ ceteris."
Chew, July, 1315.

Annua Pensio.

Bp. grants to **Nic. de Wynton,** "Clerico suo," 40*s*., "de camerâ," till beneficed. Banwell, June, 1315.

Moritio fact. literatorie Prioriss̄ae de Bargh et conb. ejusdem domus.

Bp. to Prioress of Barrow, enjoining her to leave the management of secular matters to a "custos" appointed by him, and to enforce the rule of her House more strictly.
Chew, June 26, 1315.

Printed by Hugo, p. 81.

Bp. to Prior and Brethren of Bruton, &c. Recommends to their choice Matth. A., desirous of admission as a soldier, "Dno. idoneus." "Reply within eight days." Lit. ad fac. Math. Alewy Canon. apud Bruyton.

Chew, no year (but he refers to recent primary visitation).

Bp. to Henry de Lisle, Rect. of **West Harptre,** Pr. Grants two years' literary study, "according as your church's affairs may demand, in Curiâ Romanâ aut alibi;" that he may not suffer by non-residence, gives him all fruits of benefice, saving only the dues, and providing for cure of souls. Lic. Stud.

Chew, July, 1315.

The Bp.'s Official is commissioned to institute **Rich. de Cerne,** Pr., presented by Abbey of Glastonbury, to Vicarage of **Ashcote,** and to swear him to residence. He has been examined in literature. Evercreech, July, 1315. Comm. fact. Ant. de Bradney, Off. pro presentato ad Vic. de Asshcote.

N.B.—Induction belonged to the Abbot's Archidiaconal jurisdiction.

Bp. to W. de Sutton, appealing to his charity, and commending to his administration the revenues of Barrow Nunnery, under Bp.'s oversight. July, 1315. Comm. fact. Will. de Sutton sup. Custodiam domus de Barwe.

The Prioress, evidently incompetent, vacated by death or otherwise in the autumn.

Oliver de Grytton, Pr., admitted to Rect. of **Charlcombe,** by Proxy, who also swore obedience, and received Letters of Institution. Evercreech, July, 1315. Inst.

Ind. by Archd. of Bath. Ind.

Rect. of **Tintinhull,** and Rect. of **St. Mary Major, Ilchester,** commissioned to administer **Whitehall** in Ilchester. Comm. fact. Mgr. W. de Modeford et Dno. Will. de Insula de Cura et Admin. domus Albae Aulae Ylchester.

Kingsbury, July, 1315.

Will. de Dillington, D.D., **R. de F.,** Professor of Canon Law, appointed Commissaries to **visit Abbey of Muchelney,** with final powers of correction and coercion. Kingsbury, July, 1315. Comm. fact. Will. de Dilyton et Ric. de Forde super Visitatione Abb. de Michelney.

Absol. fact. Adae le Wale de parbâ Cnowel, Cler.

Bp.'s Letter, to be exhibited by bearer to A. le W., of Little Knoll, **certifying his absolution** by Bp.'s Commissary, the Vic. of Kingsbury, after confession and penance.

Kingsbury, Aug., 1315.

Dispens. sup. defectu natalium Jo. de Spinâ, clerico.

Bp., under Papal Nuncio's letters, grants **dispensation to a Clerk from birth-disabilities;** penance* enjoined.

*Due on account of hiding disabilities before ordination.

Manumiss. Rob. Atte Lonewyk ad term. vitae Dme. C. de Bellocampo.

At request of Lady Cecilia Beauchamp, **John, son of R. atte L.,** born serf of the Bp.'s Manor of **Kingsbury,** is freed for her life, then to return to serfdom. Kingsbury, Aug., 1315.

Lit. direct. Abb. de Michelney de comonacho suo H. de Camel.

Bp. to Abbot. "Henry has confessed to us his runaway life, with contrition, &c. We send him back to you absolved, restored to sacraments; exhorting you to restore him to his Order, after the penance of his Rule. The King, Abp. of Canterbury, and other magnates concur." Buckland, Aug., 1315.

Then follows the formula of H. de Camel's sworn engagement not to leave the monastery, if restored, at any time, without Abbot's leave.

Fol. 81*a*.

And also a minute of the proceedings before Bp. at Kingsbury, and the formula of the Absolution, forwarded to Abbot.

12 Kal. Aug., 1315.

Inst. Eccl. de Pontington.

John Attewater, Pr., inst. to Rect. of **Poyntington.** Pat., Sir Nic. de Chenny. Wellington, Aug., 1315.

Ind.

Archd. of Wells to induct.

Lit. Penitentiae in Dec. Yebel.

MEM.—Vicar of **Kingsbury** to act for **Bp.** in hearing confessions of his parishioners and others of Ilchester Deanery; and to be Penitentiary. Aug., 1315.

Inst. et Ind. Eccl. de Merkesbury.

John de Pykelsleigh, Acol., "legitimatus" by Bp. of Hereford, inst. to R. of **Marksbury,** vacant by death of Tho. de **Yaneworth.** Pat., Glastonbury Abbey. Blackford, Aug., 1315.

Archd. of Bath to induct.

Bp. afterwards enjoined him immediate residence, and to carry himself, in habit and tonsure, as becomes a rector.[a]

[a] This family, whose name is variously spelt, was evidently well connected with patrons, and very lax in the treatment of patronage bestowed on them. Three brothers had become Rectors of Weston s. Mare, Backwell, and Hutton, and remained in minor orders, continually renewing their licence to study.

The Bp.'s Official and the Dean's Official commissioned to levy the monies granted to the work of the Cathedral tower by Bp.'s assignment, from fees for non-residence and other sources. Banwell, July, 1315. Comm. ad levand. pecuniam concess. fabricae Campanilis Well.

Names of five persons tonsured at Banwell. Aug. 15, 1315. Coronati in Die. Assumptionis.

And of one on the Day of Exaltation of the Cross. Sept. 14.

Lic. to John and Joan de Badecombe, On account of distance from mother Church of Aston (? Ashton), to build oratory and to have a chantry with their own priest for their lives; saving rights of parish Church. Woky, Oct., 1315. Lic. pro Cantaria habendâ.

Bp. to Gilb. de Wylye, our Bailiff, also Provost of **Wahull** (? Weyhill). "We are bound to our friend, Will. de Tothale, Grand-Master of the Hospitallers of St. John, in £100; raise the money on the estate, if you can without damage, and pay instalments to the Master of Melchburn."[b] (*French*)

[b] A Preceptory of Hospitallers in Bedfords.

Bp. to his friend H. de la Lee, &c. reciting same facts; begging him to help in raising money at W. Aug. 17, 1315.

Fol. 81*b*.

MEM.—**John le Boor,** Pr., inst. to Chapel of **Rodden,** "curatam et annexam Eccl. de Boyton (Sarum) cujus Joannes incumbit possessioni." Pat., the Lady Margaret Giffard. Letter of inst. issued and obedience sworn. Banwell, Aug., 1315. Inst. Capellae de Radene.

Archd. of Wells to induct. Ind.

Fol. 82*b*.

Bp. to Will. Pillond, Sub-deac., letter of inst.[a] Pat., Sir Robt. Fitzpayne. Oct., 1315. Adm. et Inst. in Eccl. de Kingeston.

[a] Its terms, given in full, vary little from the form now in use.

No orders for ind.

Bp.'s Writ to the Crown, "de contumace capiendo." Bp. having excommunicated Sir Philip de Columbers, "parochianus noster," for 40 days and more, and finding him obdurate, hands him over to the secular arm. Wells, Oct., 1315. Regia Captio.

[Blank left for inst. and ind. to Clutton Rect., for Rector's licence of study, and sequestration.]

Commission to three Canons to hear suit, instituted "ex officio" against **Sir P. de C.** and others, "super lesione eccl. libertatis," in Manor of **Mark.** They are charged to avoid questions "quæ ad forum sæculare pertinent," and to deal only with those affecting the "salus animæ." Comm. fact. ad proced. contra Phil. de Columbariis.

Banwell, Sept., 1315.

Commission to four Canons to inquire of the **non-residence of Rect. of Stockland** (Bristol), and other particulars, and to deprive, if expedient. Wookey, Oct., 1315. Comm. ad inquirend. sup. non-residentia Jo. Rect. de Stokland.

Fol. 83*a*, 90*b*, is a continuance of Royal Writs of the 7th, 8th, and 9th Ed. II, from fol. 66. They run to 90*b*. Note on fol. 89 an imploring letter from the King to the Chapter (Lincoln, Oct. 1, 9th year), begging them to hasten the levy of the subsidy, and to prolong their loan to the King till next parliament.

Fol. 91*a* (*follows 82b in order of time*).

MEM.—**Rich. le Bret.,** elect Abbot of **Cleeve,** received Bp.'s Benediction in his Chapel at Wcokey, on St. Matthew's Day 1315, and made profession of obedience. **Professio ejus:** "Ego Benedictio Abbatis de Clyve.

Frater electus, Abbas de Cliva, subjectionem, reverentiam et obed. a sanctis patribus constitutam, secundum regulam St. Benedicti, tibi, Dne. Pater Epe., et sanctæ sedi Bathon. et Well. (salvo ordine nostro) perpetuo me exhibiturum promitto."

Admissio presentati ad Eccl. de Elworthy.

W. de Yarpennyll, Acol., admitted to Rect. of **E.** Pat., Prior of St. John, Jerusalem. Poyntington, Michaelmas.

Archd. of Taunt. to induct.

The late Rect. acted as proxy, and carried back Bp.'s appointment of a day for instituting new Rect. in person.

Acquietanc. pro Stipend. Templ.

Receipt from Abbot of **Glastonbury** for £4 12*s.*, paid by the **Sheriff of Som., Walter Escudamor,** for board (vadiis) of Will. de Warwyc, Templar, for 276 days, in 6th year of Ed. II.

Like Receipts from Abbot of **Muchelney**, the Prior of **Taunton**, and the Prior of **Montacute.**

Lit. Dni. pro eodem.

Bp.'s Certificate to Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer, that the above Abbots, &c., have been paid £18 8*s.* (by **Sheriff, as Guardian of Templar lands in the County**) for board of W. de Warwyk, Will. de Grandcombe, Rich. Engayne, and Rich. de Colingham, Templars, assigned to said Houses for discharge of penance, at 4*d.* a day. Wells, Sept., 1315.

Citatio Eorum. Testamenti Tho. Cogan.

Bp. to Dean of Axbridge. Petronilla, widow of **Sir Thos. de Cogan,** complains to us that her husband's executors (John de Cogan, Rect. of Huntspill, and Will. de St. Clare) withhold her **widow's Third,** a right which our Sinodal Constitution has made known to all the Diocese. We enjoin you to induce the executors to satisfy this claim, or else cite them to Wells Cathedral (*i.e.*, Consistory) the first law-day after Mich. Banwell, Sept., 1315.

Fol. 91*b.*

Confessio Abbatis Glaston.

MEM.—Monday after S. Matth., 1315, in Bp.'s camera at Wookey, before **Bp., Dean, six Canons, two Knights,** and a Notary, the **Abbot** stated his regret that rumour had charged

him with complicity in breaking the Dean's Walls and Sluices (*i.e.*, at Mark), and so flooding the Bp.'s land below. He offered to purge himself, "juxta juris exigentiam."

Bp.'s Confirmation by inspeximus of Bp. Walter Haselshaw's **Grant to S. John's Hosp., Bath,** 1302, which he now, by agreement, commutes for 100*s.* yearly, during his time; the Master to continue making the same returns in masses and prayers. Confirm. Lit. Epi. Walteri pro garba concess. Hosp. S. Joan., Bath.

Evercreech, Oct., 1315.

Bp.'s Warrant to his Bailiff in Bath to pay the 100*s.* to the Prior, out of Bath revenue, in lieu of sheaf and other grants. Lit. direct. Preposito Civit. Bathon. ut solvat, &c.

Same date.

This grant confirmed (by Inspeximus) two grants of Bp. Reginald, viz.:—1. Grant of one sheaf per ann. from each acre of domain in the Bishoprick, ratifying the Prior's like gift from the conventual domain, with tithe of the bread of Convent and the Prior's Curia (manor-house), tithe of cheese, not commonly tithed to parish churches, tithe "carnium lardarii," *i.e.*, of salted meat, in Convent and Curia; Prior to be as free to dispense these alms as if "de proprio." 2. Grant of 4 mks. per ann., "de denariis de caritate in Archid. Bath. et Wellen. percipiendis," of two loads of dead wood each week from Bp.'s park, of run of two horses and two cows with the Bp.'s cattle, and for 100 sheep on Lantesdune (Lansdown). No date, but in Dean Alex.'s time, circ. 1180–90.

Fol. 92*a*.

Bp. to all his Knights, Tenants, &c. **Sir John de Clevedon** being appointed our Seneschal, you are to respect him in that office. Wells, Aug., 1315. Comm. fact. Dno. Jo. de Clyvedon, milt. pro. Off. Seneschalli.

The new Seneschal, Canon Penkridge, and two of the Receivers, appointed **auditors** of all the Manors. Comm. fact. pro compotis maneriorum totius Epus. audiend.

Borwardscote, Oct., 1315.

Letter of inst. given to **Wm. Jarponyle** (*see* 91*a*), after taking oaths in person. Greenwich, Nov., 1315. Inst. Eccl. de Elworthy.

One year's leave for study for the same. Same date. Lic. Stud.

Ordinati ad primam tonsuram.

At S. Michael's Chapel, Montacute, SS. Sim. and Jude, 1315. Four names of tonsured. N.B.—A Monk of Montacute, and Simon Vag of Chilthorne.

Lic. Studend.

MEM.—Robt. de Beauchamp, Rect. of Lymington, licensed for one year, in Oxford, "aut alibi," etc. Wells, Nov., 1315.

Lic. Stud. ad Inst. Mathei de Clyvedon milt.

MEM.—Will. de Valletort, Rect. of Charlynch, licensed one year in Oxford, "aut alibi in transmarinis, ubi," etc.
Kingsbury, Nov.

Ad primam tonsuram in Capellâ Mni. ap. Kyngsbury, iiij Non. Nob.

Baldwyn, son of Sir John Moun (Mohun of Dunster).

Lic. Stud.

J., Rect. of Combehay, for one year, at instance of Sir R. Fitzpayne, having had one year's leave in Feb., 1314.

Comm. fact. sup. causâ Albae Aulae.

Two Canons commissioned to finish the case of Whitehall, Ilchester, by depriving the Prioress Alice de la Zerde (Yard).
Kingsbury, Nov., 1315.

See below, fol. 98*b*.

Fol. 92*b*.

Recogn. Phil. de Bathon. Cler. de Cath. de firmâ de Smalebroke.

In Bp.'s Chapel at Banwell, St. Leonard's Day, 1315. Philip of Bath, Cathedral Vicar of Wells, executor of Henry Parker, lessee of Smallbrook, bound himself to pay by instalments 100*s*., due from H. P. to Bishop. In presence of three Canons, &c.

Same time, H. P. being impeached of slandering Bp., purged himself on oath. Then, being charged with offering to give witness in cause pending in Arches Court between Bp. and Prior of Bath, he confessed; whereof the Bp. took time to consider.

Comm. fact. sup. Causâ divorcii inter Hug. de Lamplo et J. la Brus.

Two Canons commissioned to hear and determine the divorce-case of H. de L. and Joan the Bruce.

[Probably a suit of nullity, the maiden name only being given.]

Procur. fact. Tho. de Teyfont sup.

Proxy to T. de Teffont to act in Arches Court for Bishop in *re* James le Grut, Rector of Sandford Bret, appealing against

Bp.'s decree of deprivation; and in *re* Sir G. d'Aumarle, appellant, in suit "ex officio," "pro salute animæ." Causis Appell. inter Wm. et alios.

Kingsbury, Nov., 1315.

MEM.—To **Wm. de Hampton**, Rect. of **Badgworth**, for a second year at Oxon, "aut alibi in transmarinis, ubi," etc. To put in caretaker of benefice. Banwell, Nov., 1315. Lic. Stud.

MEM.—**Nic. le Saubage**, Deac., Rect. of **Asholt**, to seek Priest's orders of any Bp. of Province. With licence to study one year, Oxon, "aut alibi." Ban., same date. Lit. dim.

Comm. to Archd. of Taunton, and Dr. Dylinton, to hear and determine the claim of Will., once Vicar of **Wainsford**, against his two successors for **Pension.** Banwell, Nov., 1315. Comm. fact. sup. Causâ Ann. Pensionis C s. de Ecc. de Waynesford.

MEM.—**Peter de la Burwe** inst. at Wooky [by proxy, *two* persons swearing "in animam Dni."[a] his obedience] to Rect. of **Stringston.** Pat., Wm. Fychet. 16 Kal. Dec., 1315. Inst. Ind.

Archd. of Taunt. to induct.

[a] The Proxy by these words bound the soul of his Principal. The formula is prohibited by Can. 132 of 1603.

Fol. 93*a*.

Adam Hotale, Deac., to seek Priest's orders from any Bp. of Province, on showing title sufficient to exonerate his Diocesan.[b] Lit. dim.

[b] From his liability to maintain a Clerk ordained on insufficient title. *See* Canon 33.

Three Canons (not including the Official) **commissioned** to deprive **John Jaron.** (*See* fol. 82*b* for comm. in Oct. to four Canons.) Evercreech, Dec., 1315. Comm. sup. Privatione Jo. Jaron, Rect. de Stocland.

Three Canons commissioned to proceed, with full powers, "ex officio mero," "per viam notorii," against that "disquietum" John Moraunt, Treasurer (*see* fol. 95*a*) of the Cath., because he retains the Treasurership and its fruits for long times back, and does not officiate in the Priest's office, as his dignity demands. Comm. fact. ad proced. contra Jordanum Moraunt, &c.

Culminton, Dec., 1315.

Citatio Mag. Moraunt.

Bp. to his Official. "In our late Visitation of Cath., it appeared, 'inter alia,' that the **Chancellor, Thos. de Legore,** did not premonish the four Dignities, and that he does not reside or serve the Priest's office in Cath. You are to **cite him** to appear before us in Cath., on Friday before St. Thomas' Day."

N.B.—This formula is to serve "mutatis mutandis" for citing Treasurer Morant and others.

Lit. direct. Dec. et Cap. pro arrer. Decimae concess. pro repulsione Scotorum, &c.

Bp. to Chapter. We assign Canons Bradney and Penkridge to audit your account as collectors of the 10th; to report defaulters' names to us, and what coercion has been employed.

Evercreech, Dec., 1315.

Custodia Ric. Rectoris de Hemyngton, &c.

MEM.—John, **Rect. of Radstock,** appointed coadjutor to the aged Rect. of **Hemington,** during pleasure.

An account of the profits of benefice to be rendered to Bp.

Culminton, Dec., 1315.

Inst. Ind.

MEM.—**Rich. de Lughteburg,** Pr., inst. Rect. of Mells.

Rockborne.

Archd. of Wells to induct.

Inst. Ind.

John Durant inst. to Magna Weston. Two years' study granted. Bereford, Dec., 1313.

Procurat. fact. Wm. de Whateley ad exig. et recip. pretium de Priore de Hertildesham.

Proxy to W. de W. to receive 300 mks. due from Prior of **Hexham,** and £40 due from **Bp. of Carlisle,** rent from Horncastle. Rockborne, Dec., 1315.

Letters to Prior carried by W. de W. strongly urging payment.

Fol. 93*b*.

Lit. Dimiss.

MEM.—**John de Pyggesle,** Rect. of **Marksbury,** Acol., to seek Sub-deacon's orders from any Bp. of Prov.

Lic. Stud.

To study one year more in Oxford.

Easton Crux, 18 Kal. Jan. 1315–6.

Lit. direct. Archid. Tanton ad inquirend.

Bp. to Archd. "**John de Nettlecomb,** Chaplain of **Sanford Bret** (through Jo. de Lodhuish, Chaplain) complains that a layman, Admetus le Taillour, 'familiaris noster,' has displaced him

(J. de N.) whom we appointed sequestrator of the vacant benefice of S. B., and suggests that you are supporting Admetus. Hold inquiry in person, and report to us." Rockborne, Nov., 1315.

MEM.—**Tho. de Edwalton,** Clerk, inst. Rect. of **L.,** by Proxy (*see* fol. 94*b*). Boscombe, Dec. Inst. Eccl. de Lampate.

Archd. Wells to induct.

Robt. Brice, Rect. of **Eastham** (Chapel in Crewkerne), to seek Priest's orders of any Bp. of Prov. (*see* below). Same date. Lit. dimiss.

Bp.'s Official commissioned to admit **Rich. de Woodbury,** Pr., to Vic. of **Brompton Regis,** after examining him in literature, and imposing the oaths. Hartley, Westpall, Dec. 23, 1315. Comm. fact. Ant. de Bradney ad admitt. Presentatum.

To **Hen. de la More,** in first tonsure, to seek Acolite's orders from any Bishop of Province. Lit. Dim.

A certificate from Bp. to warrant other Bps. in **ordaining R. B.** at ensuing Ember-day. Dec. 18, 1315. Lit. Testimon. fact. Robt. Brice qui se dat Rect. de Estham.

Fol. 94*a*.

Bp. confers on Will. de Hampton, Monk, the **Custody** of the office of **Sacristan in the Cath. at Bath,** in his patronage, revoking previous grants. Dogmersfield, Dec. 25, 1315. Coll. Sacristariae in Eccl. Bathon.

Bp.'s Bond to two Winchester merchants for £261 6*s.* for cloth bought for Bp.'s winter livery; to be paid by instalments, the first £100 at Easter. Dogmersfield, Innocents' D., 1315. Obligatio fact. Rog. de Inkpenne et Edw. de Sparkeford.

Bp.'s commission to two of his Clerks to **audit** all accounts of his non-episcopal property. Dogm., Th. before Xmas., 1315. Comm. fact. pro Compotis extra Epum. audiendis.

Mandate to Prior of Taunt. to satisfy the Abbot of **Keynsham** for the lodgment of the Brother (*see* fol. 78*b*); to report within fifteen days. Dogm., F. of St. Jo., 1315. Lit. de Priore de Tanton, quod satisfaciat, &c.

Comm. de Moris et Molend. de Were.

Dean Godeley, John de Clyvedon, Canon Penkridge, and Henry, Bailiff of Wells, commissioned by Bp. to treat with the Prior of St. Mark's, Bristol, touching the Weare Mills.

Dogm., Dec. 25, 1315.

Pensio. Adae. de Stonore.

Salary of 40*s.* granted, "de camerâ," to A. de S., Clerk, till beneficed, for his usefulness "in scientia literarum."

Yashampsted, Dec.

Comm. Walteri Archiepi. fact. in Parl. Lincoln.

Abp. Walter to Bps. of Norwich, Exeter, Sarum. Commission to preside in his behalf (being disabled by sickness) in the provincial congregation (sic) called by him at Lincoln on the Conv. of S. Paul, with powers of prorogation and coercion.

Lambeth, Jan. 18, 1315–6.

The Citation of the Abp's. Provincial Council had now become a regular thing, under the variable names of Council, Synod, Convocation, Congregation, Parliament. The modes of representation varied also.

Comm. ad absolv. fautores et consiliarios Phil. de Columb.

The Dean and Precentor commissioned to absolve accomplices of Phil. de Columbers from excomm., after their seeking it in person, and redressing the wrongs done to Bp. and Dean (*see* fol. 94*b*). London, Jan. 13, 1315–6.

J. de Clyvedon to carry the commission to Wells.

Fol. 94*b*.

[*Two entries crossed out.*]

Lit. dim. ad inst. R. de Schefeld, Cler.

MEM.—To Tho. de Edwalton, Acol., Rect. of Lampate, to seek Sub-deacon's and Deacon's orders of any Bp. in Province; also to study for one year (*vid. sup.*, fol 93*b*).

Lincoln, Feb. 13, 1315.

Lit. dim. de Cancellaria.

Tho. de Stowford, Rect. of St. Jo. Bapt., Ilchester, and Clerk of Chancery, to seek Sub-deacon's orders from any Bp. of the Province. Lincoln, Feb. 10, 1315–6.

Lit. dim. ad inst. H. de Lancaster.

Tho. de Oxon, Rect. of Rode, Sub-deac., to seek two steps of any Bp. of Province. Lincoln, Feb. 26.

John Randulf, Acol., to seek all orders of any Bp. of Prov. Same date. Lit. dim. ad inst. Wm. de Rampton.

John, Rect. of **Horsington**, one year, in wonted form. Feb. 15. Lic. Stud. ad inst. Uni. R. de Sarum.

Will. de Clybedon, Acol., inst. by Proxy to **Kewstoke**. Pat. (istâ vice), Will. Arthur, "ratione[a] glebæ dictæ eccl.," and of wardship of Andrew, son and heir of Tho. de Brumpton, last presentor. Yashampsted, Feb. 11, 1315–6. Adm. et Inst. de Stoke s. Mare.

[a] Note the attachment of the advowson to the soil.

Presentee to swear obedience to Bp. when in Somerset. Archd. of Bath to induct.

MEM.—**Tho. de Schalwebury**, Pr., inst. to **Winscombe**. Evercreech, March 25, 1316. Inst. Vic. de Wynescumbe.

Archd. of Wells to induct. Ind.

A Commission touching Ph. de Columbers crossed out, and the following substituted:—

The Dean, the Seneschal (J. Clyvedon), and the Precentor, appointed **Attornies to assess the Bp.'s damages** in the Manor of Blackford, against **Phil. de Columbers** and accomplices, after **Absolution**. Huish, March 27, 1316. Procur. sive Attorn.

MEM.—**John de Welyngton**, Sub-deac., to seek orders from any Bp. of Province. Same date. Lit. Dim.

Fol. 95*a*.

MEM.—Bp., on request of R. Lord Monthermer, on pilgrimage to S. Iago,[b] granted leave to **Rich.**, Rect. of **Mells**, to remain one year in Lord M.'s service: with provisoes. Kingsbury, March 29, 1316. Lic. absentandi congress. Rectori de Melles.

[b] S. James of Compostella, in Spain.

MEM.—Monday before Easter, 1316, at Wellington, "in camerâ," **Bp. absolved Ph. and Hugh de Columbers**, Jo. and Absol. Phil. de Columb. et al.

Gilbert Fychet, Robt. de Quantoxhead, R. de Brent, John Tremenet, and Phil. Barayl; being satisfied of their contrition, thus restoring them to the Sacraments. 1316.

Inst. Vic. St. Cuthberti, Wells, et Ind. **Rich. de Penkridge** inst. Pat., D. and Chap. Banwell, April 14, 1316.

Dean to induct.

Fol. 95*b*.

Adm. Capellani in Cimiterio de Cruk, &c. **Bp. to Rich. de Turbervile**, Pr. Letter dated London, May 5, 1316, instituting him **Chaplain in the Chantry** newly endowed by **Agnes Moncaux** (with consent of Rector, &c.) in the Lady Chapel in the Churchyard of **Crewkerne**; rights of parish Ch. and Bp. saved.

Inst. Eccl. de Clutton. **Thom. de Haighe, of Holand**, Pr., inst. R. of C., vice Tho. de Pykel, resigned. Pat., the E. of Hereford and Essex (De Bohun), as guardian of Wm., heir of Jo. de Greyvile. Lond., May 3, 1316.

Ind. By Archd. of Taunt. (? mistake for Bath.)

Lit. Collationis Preb. de Baclaund. Letter sealed at St. Paul's, Lond., 5 Non. May, 1316, but dated Kal. Feb., 1310 (? why withheld), collating **Rich. de Clipston**, Linc. Dio., Clerk, to Stall of **Buckland**.

Lit. absent. To Rect. of **Poyntington**, leave till St. Peter ad Vinc. on his Patron's business, Nich. de Cheni. Lond., May 4.

Lit. dim. To **Rich. Brounyng**, of W. Coker, to seek first tonsure.

Lic. Stud. **Adam**, Rect. of **Chiriton**, one year. Same date.

Lit. dim. To the same, to seek Deaconship from any Bp. Same date.

Lit. dim. **Peter de Bergh**, Rect. of **Stringston**, to seek Priest's orders, &c. Greenwich, May 10, 1316.

Lit. dim. **John de Tanton**, Clerk, to seek all orders, &c. Greenwich, May 10, 1316.

MEM.—Bp. granted 40 days' indulgence "pro animâ" of Eliz., Countess of Holand, Essex, &c. ("no place of interment specified," the Registrar remarks). Concess. Indulgentiae.

May 10, Greenwich, "ante sepulturam defunctæ."

i.e., to spur the faithful to intercede for the soul in purgatory. This lady had no known connection with the Diocese.

Commission to three Canons to **absolve** the accomplices of **Phil. de Columbers,** redress being first made to Bp. and Dean for damage to their Manors. Kingston, March 29, 1316. Comm. ad absolv. fautores Ph. de Col.

MEM.—**Robt. de Cruce,** Pr., inst. to V. of **Sutton Montis.** Pat., Prior of Bruton, the impropriator. Chard, March 30. Inst. Vic. de Sutton Montis-acuti.

By Archd. of Wells. Ind.

MEM.—**Bp.** has appointed **Rich. de Penkridge,** Cathedral Vicar, to be **Coadjutor** to the blind and disabled Vicar of **St. C.,** Wells, subject to accounting for receipts. Lit. Coadjutoris Vic. S. Cuthberti, Well.

Chard, April 1, 1316.

Rect. of **E. Lambrook,** Chap., one year's study. Lic. Stud.

Wyveliscombe, April 20.

MEM.—**Robt. and John Toff,** brothers, old and poor, serfs of Blackford, to be free from payment of capitage[a] till better off. Conc. de gratia Bni. ad tempus.

April 15, 1316.

[a] A Head-money, called also Chevagium or Chivage, described by Bracton (Lib. i, c. 10) as a recognition of serfdom due to the Lord.

Tho. de Gorges to be Coadj.[b] to Vicar of **Doulting,** subject to account. Evercreech, March 16. Lit. Coadjut.

[b] These grants to the Precentor and Dean were for the benefit of the Cathedral Fabric, then in great need owing to the subsidence of the tower. The Coadjutor, after providing for the Incumbent and duties of incumbency, could apply the surplus revenue as the Bp. might direct. (*See* p. 114.)

MEM.—**Bp. has granted to the Dean, in aid of the Bell-tower,** to be **Coadj.** of Reginald, Rect. of Shepton Malet. Same date. Lit. Coadjut.

MEM.—Licence to **Tho. of Cambridge,** Monk of **Henton,** to seek Deacon's and Priest's orders of any Bp. of Province. Lit. dim.

Blackford, March 18.

Lit. ad supersedend. in negotio mota contra Jord. de Morant.

MEM.—**Bp.**, at Abp.'s request, **cancels commission** against Treasurer Morant (*see* fol. 93*a*), and the like ones—(all other proceedings to be left "in eodem statu").

Wodhull, Feb. 17, 1315–6.

Inst. Eccl. de Burnet.

MEM.—**Will. de Ayston**, Acol., inst. Rect. of **B.**, vice Rich. de Burlingham, resigned. Wanem (?), May 14, 1316.

Ind.

By Archd. of Bath.

Lic. insistendi in obsequiis Comitissae de Gloucester.

Leave renewed till Purification next, to Rect. of **Seabington**, to serve the Countess; *vid. sup.* London, May, 1316.

Lic. Stud.

To **John**, dictus **Bonny**, Rect. of **Chelworth**; usual form.

May 10.

Lic. habendi Cantariam j ann.

MEM.—Licence for one year to **John de Reigni** to celebrate by his own chaplain in his **Chapel de la Rod**, in parish of **N. Petherton**, on plea of distance from mother Church and floods; to be voided if hurtful to parish Church.

Wanton, May 17, 1316.

Fol. 96*a*.

Custodia Rogeri de Marchia comm. Galf. de Bydeput.

G. de B. appointed **Coadj.** and Custos (of the person) to **R. de M.**, Vic. of **Westbury**, till Easter; account to be rendered to Bp. of revenue, after providing for the Vicar and his coadjutor.

Wyveliscombe, April 7, 1316.

Comm. fact. Jacobo de Molendinis de balliva de W.

Bp. to all his tenants, &c., in Manor of **Wells**. "We have appointed **J. de M.**, 'valettum nostrum,' our bailiff for Wells. Respect him as such." Chew, April 19.

Lit. dir. omnibus tenentibus de Welyngton et Boclond, &c.

Bp.'s Mandate to all his tenants, free and villain, in his Manors of **W. and B.** After preamble, repeated from fol. 78*b*, he bids them make their offerings on the dedication days, on pain of excommunication, after ancient precedent, still observed "in magna matrici seu paroch. Eccl. Well." Mandate to be kept by Vic. of W. Wellington (no day).

Two Canons **commissioned to repeat sentence of Excomm.** against unknown offenders who in 1313 **stole Tithe-sheaves** at **Compton Bp.**, and were pronounced excomm. by the R. D. of Axbridge, under Bp.'s mandate, in all Churches of the Deanery. Offenders when known to be cited to Consistory. Comm. fact. sup. ablatione decimae garb. de Compton.

Evercreech, April 19, 1316.

Bp. to Tho. de Benhangre (Binegar), Vicar Choral, granting during pleasure the Priorship or **Chantry of B. V. M. Altar** in Wells Cath., as held by Jo. de St. Edward. Prioratus seu Cantaria.

Blackford, July 13, 1316.

Bp. to Official of Taunton Archdeaconry. "The Rectory of Stockland has long been appropriated to the Hosp. of St. Mark's, Bristol, awaiting the Rector's resignation. He has resigned. Induct Master (or Proxy) into corporal possession of Church, 'salvis salvandis,' according to deed of Appropriation; hand open letter (sent with this 'clausa') of like tenor to Master." Ind. Eccl. de Stokland, &c.

Black., July 14.

MEM.—**Robt. de Rotteley**, Pr., inst. to Vic. of **Yevele** (Yeovil). Pat., Robt. de la More, Rect. of Yeovil. July 15, 1316. Archd. of Wells to induct. Inst.

MEM.—To **Sir John Meriet**, to have a **Chantry** in Chapel of his Manor-house of **Hestercombe**—the mother Church too far; no proviso. Wyveliscombe, July 25, 1316. Lic. Cantariae.

MEM.—To **Joan de Raleigh**, widow, the same Licence at **Rowedone** in parish of Stoke Gommer; revocable at will, or if the parish Church be damaged. Same date. Lic. Cantariae.

MEM.—**Bp.** collated **Tho. de Ketford** to **Chancellorship** of Cath., vice R. de Drokensford, dec. Sept. 9, 1316. Coll. Cancell. Well.

Archd. of Taunt. to induct (in absence of Bp.'s official) both in Cath. and at Kingsbury.

MEM.—**Stephen de Dynham**, Pr., inst. to **Corton Denham**, vice Roger de Spineto. Pat., the King, by wardship of heir of Joce de Dynham. Banwell, Aug. 13. Inst.

Lic. habendi Cantariam. **Geoffrey de Luccombe** to have **Chantry** in Chapel, "intra curiam suam de **Luccombe**," served at his own cost, "salvo jure matris eccl." Wyveliscombe, Aug. 15, 1316.

Lic. Stud. To **Tho. Delahaye**, one year, with release of sequestration, notified to Archd. of Bath. Kingsbury, Aug. 19.

Lic. dimittendi. Leave to T. D. to lease for one year to any Clerk deputed by Archd.

Reconciliatio Eccl. de Wellington. MEM.—**Commission** to Tho. de Dillynton and Ric. de Ford, Bp.'s Clerks, to **reconcile Ch. and Churchyard of W. by aspersion**, the water being blessed by Bp. Kingsbury, Aug. 19, 1316.

Lit. direct. Rect. de Chuton ad capell. de Emmeburgh coöp., &c. **Mandate**[a] **to Rect. of Chewton Mendip** (Abbot of Jumieges), to re-roof Emborough Chapel and Bell-tower before Michaelmas, "sub penâ C. sol." Evercreech, April 21, 1316.

[a] Note this wholesome exercise of the Ordinary's power over Rectors impropriate, which at this date and long after was kept alive by citing them to visitations.

Ann. Pensio. MEM.—**Salary of 10 mks.**, "de camerâ," to **Robt. de Cisterne**, Clerk, till beneficed. Greenwich, June 26.

Custodia Sacristariae Mon. Bathon., &c. MEM.—**Sacrist's office** granted to **Will. de Canyng**, Monk, during pleasure. Prior to induct on this condition, and to report what is done. Evercreech, April, 22, 1316.

[b] The frequent re-grant of the Sacristan's office during pleasure, is one of several evidences of the Bp.'s dissatisfaction with the internal condition of Bath Abbey.

Lic. Stud. **Wm. Jarponiall**, Rect. of **Elworthy**, for one year's study,

Lit. dim. "Oxon, aut ubi," and to seek Deaconship from any Bp. of Prov.

Lic. data Will. de Pillonde admittendi, et Tho. de Braicot, tradendi Eccl. suam de Dunzete. **W. de P.**, Rect. of **Kingston**, licensed to take one year's lease of Rectory of **Donyatt**, the Rect., T. de D., consenting, saving cure of souls, &c. Pirbright, June 28, 1316.

Fol. 96*b*.

Lit. dim. To Rect. of **Kingston**, for Priest's orders, from any Bp. of Province. Hartley Waspail, June 4.

N.B.—Bp. wrote to Bp. of Sarum to admit him and the Rect. of Stringston at approaching Ember Day.

Bp. to all men, &c. "P. Clement's 'decima sexann.,' which was ratified by Clerus, not being fully levied, the loan promised to King for repelling Scots must wait." Bp. writes as collector, the Chapter, as sub-collectors, concurring. Lit. Prorogationis Mutui Dno. Regi facti.

Banwell, June 25, 1316.

It is not easy to understand these money dealings, but apparently the Bp. and Chapter were staving off the King's demand to borrow, on the security of Pope Clement's Tenth, now being levied, from the funds collected for a Crusade, deposited in the Chapter treasury. The Crusade-money, levied under authority of Pope Nichol. IV, was lying unused, and sorely tempted the needy King here and elsewhere.

MEM.—Nich. de Solbury, Chap., inst. to Stockland (Bristol), by Proxy. Pat., Master of St. Mark's, Bristol. Inst. Eccl. de Stoclond.

Archd. of Taunt. to induct. Ind.

MEM.—At request of D. and Chap., and on their business, one year's absence granted to W. de Lym, from his Chantry in Villâ Wullabington. Blackford, July 6, 1316. Lit. data W. de Lym ut absentet se, &c.

MEM.—Rich. Anselm de Newbury, Clerk, inst. to Rect. of Fiddington. Pat., Alice, widow of Jo. de Columbers. Inst. Eccl. de Fitington.

Banwell, July 11.

Archd. of Taunt. Ind.

MEM.—G. de Bydeput continued as Coadjutor of Vicar of Westbury, during pleasure. Woky, July 18. Lit. coadjutoria pro W. Lobeil. (*Mistake*).

MEM.—T. de Dilington, D.D., Rect. of Combe Florey, made Coadj. of blind Rect. of Lydiard S. Laurence, during pleasure. Lit. consimilis.

Banwell, June 1.

MEM.—John de Scowe inst. Rect. of Pykewell Chapel,* in Parish of Frome, saving rights of Mother Church. Pat., Tho. de Aumarle, Lord of Berkley. Chedder, July 12. Inst. Capell. de Pykewell.

Archd. of Wells. Ind.

* Extinct before the Valor Hen. VIII.

Fol. 97*b*.

Coll. Canon. in Eccl. Well. **Bp. to Hamelin de Godelee,** Pr., collating him to the Stall of Ric. de Drokensford. Wyveliscombe, Sept. 12, 1316.

The Dean to induct.

Lit. absentandi. MEM.—To **Rich. de Glideford,** Rect. of **Yerlyngton,** for one year's service of the Lord Simon de Montacute. Same date.

Lit. concess., &c. **Bp. to Will. de Grindenham.** Grant to himself and wife, on account of age, and distance of Kydeford (**Kittisford**) Church, of having "divina" celebrated by a Priest at their own cost in their chapel, "erecto altari, superaltare benedicto superposito." Services to be for household, not for parish. To cease "ipso facto" if parish Church is hurt (*i.e.*, by withdrawal of people or oblations). Wyveliscombe, Sept. 11, 1316.

Like grant to **Richard le Wild** for a Chantry at **Bower, in S. Petherton.** Same date.

Lit. dim. MEM.—To **John de la Hyle,** of **Haselbury,** Acol., for all orders. Sept. 21, 1316.

Inst. et Ind. **Will. de Talond** inst. to **Rect. of Skilgate.** Pat., Sir Hen. de Boxe. Archd. Taunt. to induct. Same date.

MEM.—The Fruits, sequestrated till inst., are in Rural Dean's hands.

Inst. Eccl. de Laccumb. **Will. de Loccumb** inst. to **Luccomb,** at Banwell, Sept. 22.

Interpolated.

Comm. fact. Priori de Tanton pro Absol. MEM.—**Prior commissioned to absolve** his Canon, Alan de Newton, from **excomm.** incurred by laying violent hands on a Clerk, and from any "nota irregularitatis" arising thereout. Wyveliscombe, Sept. 11, 1316.

Lic. Cantaria. (*Incomplete entry.*) MEM.—To Sir Hen. de Glastingbury, within his Manor-house (blank), grant of a Chantry; revocable.

MEM.—**Bp.** "coronavit ad **primam tonsuram**" J. de Plym- **Prima tonsura.**
stock, Exon. Dioc., by letter dim. (recited in full).
St. Jas.' Day, 1316.

NOTE.—Testimonials right.

MEM.—**Bp. grants to Wm. de Malden,** Clerk, two Robes, **Annua Pensio.**
"cum pelura et sindone de sectâ clericorum[a] suorum digniorum,"
and 100*s.* "de scriniis suis," till beneficed.
Shaftesbury, 2 Kal. Sept., 1316.

[a] All the Bp.'s attendants wore his livery according to rank, finely graduated, even to the manorial servants. Hence the enormous payment for cloth, fol. 94.

To W., **Rect. of Hinton Bluet,** one year. Banwell, Sept. 20. **Disp. Stud.**

To **Ric. de Wyk,** Rect. of **Weston** in Gordano, one year.
Chew, Sept. 22.

Fol. 98*a*.

Proxy to Hen. de Fulham to **represent**[b] **Bp.** at **Consecration** of **Procuratorium.**
Hotham as Bp. of Ely (Michaelmas), with petition to Abp. to
excuse the Bp. as overbusy. Banwell, Sept. 20, 1316.

[b] The Suffragans seem to have been all cited to aid the Abp. in the consecration of a Bp. of the Province. It was a provincial act, in which their fealty to the Abp. tied them to join, "per se" or "per alium."

Bp. to his Official, reciting the King's Brief, ordering payment *(Crossed out.)*
to Edm. de Morlee of 106*s.* out of sequestrated goods of Rect. of
Mells, Rich. le Ostage.

Bp. to Official and Subdean of Yatton. Hear and determine **Comm. in Causâ Divortii.**
the **divorce-suit** of Hen. de Langplo *v.* Joan, dau. of Beatrice de
Bruys (Bruce), with coercive powers. Banstead, Sept. 21, 1316.

MEM.—**Michael,** Clerk, son of **Mich. de Drokensford, coll.** to **Coll. de Multecote.**
Stall of **D.** Dean to induct, and to cause survey of dilapidations,
and sequestrate for repairs. Evercreech, Oct. 2.

MEM.—To **Thos. de Edwalton,** Rect. of **Lampat,** to seek **Lit. dim.**
Priest's orders. Buckland, Sept., 1316.

Lic. Stud. MEM.—Andrew Springhuse, Rect. of Berrow, for one year's study at Oxford. Same date.

Lit. direct. Abbati de Muchelney, &c. Bp. to Abbot. "W. Mydwinter, father of your Monk Hen. de Camel, states that when his son was made Coquinarius, he borrowed a sum for the requisites of his office. This sum has not been repaid to the father, though often asked. We beg you in the Lord, and exhort, that at next audit a sufficient sum be allocated, so that we may cease to hear these complaints."

Kingsbury, Sept. 5, 1316.

Fol. 98*b*.

Lic. Stud. Richard de Herdwick, Rect. of Mandestre, one year, at instance of the wife of W. de Montacute.

Wyveliscombe, March 1305 (*sic*).

Carta W. Baker. Bp. grants by Indenture to Will., called le Baker, for life, two arable acres in Blackford Manor, for his laudable service. Heriot, the best beast ("averium"), the acres in two different "culturæ" or open fields. Blackford, Feb. 7, 8 Ed. II.

Carta Hen. Grobbe. Like grant to H. G., also as reward, in two different "culturæ" of the same Manor. 4*s*. rent, best beast for heriot.

Blackford, 9 Ed. II

Lit. Coadjut. de Bulting. Bp. to Dean. "Joce, Vicar of D., is disabled by age, and pillaged. We make you coadjutor for sake of his flock, and for ministering to his wants; render account to us of revenue."

Banwell, April 16, 1316.

MEM.—Like letter issued to Precentor Gorges for guardianship of Roger, Rect. of Shepton Malet. Same date.

Also Lit. Dim. to a Monk of Henton, Tho. de Cantebrugge, for seeking Priest's orders.

Manumissio. MEM.—Will. Wolmere, serf of Bp.'s Manor of Congresbury, freed at request of Vicar of C. Banwell, April, 1316.

Bp. to Abp. W. "The sisters of **Whitehall, Ilchester,** are begging alms (to the reproach of their House) for their expelled Prioress, **Alice Atteyerd.** Our hands being tied by an appeal to your court, We beg you, 'pendente lite,'[a] to make some provision for these sisters." Kingsbury, Sept. 5, 1316. Lit. direct. Archiepo. Cant.

[a] Alice was deprived, and Alice Clithorne substituted, but only to the renewal of strife and disgrace. She was deprived in 1325. *See* fol. 238*b*, and Hugo, who has treated the matter very fully.

Fol. 99*a*.

Bp. to Rector and parishioners of Burnham. "Your Church being dedicated by us, Aug. 1315, in name of Christ, and to St. Andrew's honour, we now make this official record thereof, that the dedication feast may be devoutly kept; and to those who frequent it with due contrition, confession, and votive oblations, we hereby accord 40 days' indulgence." Burnham, same date. Lit. Dedicat., &c.

MEM.—**Rob. Alewy,** Clerk, inst. to Church of **Kingweston,** *vice* Simon, resigned. Archd. Wells to induct. One year's study granted. Evercreech, Oct. 3, 1316. Inst.

MEM.—John, son of Sampson, of Sowy, licensed to seek **first tonsure** and next order. Huish, Sept. 2, 1316. Lit. dispens.

MEM.—**John Martel collated to Stall,** late Osgodby's. East Camel, Sept. 1, 1316. Coll. Prebendae.

Dean to induct.

To **Tho. de Warblington,** 40*s*., "de scriniis suis," until beneficed. Hartley Waspail, Oct. 9, 1316. Ann. Pensio.

Bp. to Dean and Canon Penkridge. Examine the **Election-process** of the **Prioress of Barrow,** Joan de Gurnay, and if correct, confirm it, and induct. Evercreech, Oct. 4. Comm. fact. sup. Examinatione.

MEM.—**Simon Bobet,** Clerk, inst. Rect. of **Combe Florey.** Two years' study allowed. London, Oct. 13. Inst.

Archd. Taunt. to induct.

Inst. MEM.—Robt. de Langbrok, Clerk, inst. to Dowlish William (now Wake) Rectory. One year's study. Pat., John Wak. Lond., Oct. 18.

Lic. Stud. MEM.—To H., Rect. of Greinton. Two years, "in Angliâ," with Provisoes. Banwell, Sept. 19, 1316.

Collation of Stall (*crossed out*).

Marginal note illegible.

Collatio Bonorum. House, late Canon Petherton's, lying in E. of Cath., assigned to Canon Martel. Greenwich, Oct. 24.

Lic. Stud. MEM.—To Rect. of Dowlish William, one year. London, Oct. 18, 1316.

Fol. 99*b*.

Comm. Bp. to Ant. de Bradney, and other Canons. Commission to hear and determine the Cause of Rog. de Witham, presentee of Donyatt, and Tho. de Draycott, possessioner, and, if right, to induct presentee. London, Oct. 15, 1316.

Coll. Bp. to Rog. de Colyford, Pr., Cath. Vicar, collating him to Priorship of Chantry B. V. M., *vice* Benhangre, "durante beneplacito." Greenwich, Sept. 23, 1316.

Comm. Fratrum Predicatorum. Bp., as "Judex et executor sive conservator," deputed by Pope, with Abp. of York, and Bp. of Worcester, commissions Canon Nassington, of York, to hear and determine the Cause between the Friars Preachers and the Abbot of Rièbaux. The latter have received one Nic., once a Friar professed. London, Sept. 25, 1316.

Procuratorium transm. ad Curiam Romanam. Proxy to Ralph de Lacu and two Italians, to act for Bp. as his standing Proctors in the Curia. Melton by Canterbury. 3 Kal. Nov., 1316 ("juxta cursum Eccl. Angliâ").

The wording full and significant.

MEM.—**John**, son of **Ralph Fitz-urse**, inst. to Rect. of **Brompton-Rauf.** Pat., Ralph the Father. Melton, Nov. 2, 1316. **Inst.**

Archd. of Taunt. to induct. One year's study allowed.

MEM.—Will. **Attemore**, inst. Rect. of **Twerton.** Pat., Prioress of Kington. Wanton, Nov. 2, 1316. **Inst.**

Re-entered as Nov. 6.

Archd. of Bath to induct. **Ind.**

Bp. to Rural Dean of Cary, and to Rect. of High Ham. "In granting a chantry to **J. de Burcy** in the Chapel of N. H., we were 'nequiter circumventi.' Finding how hurtful it is to the Ch. of H. H. and to **W. le Venour**, we now recall it, and enjoin the Chaplain not to celebrate in presence of J. de B., who is 'amotus,' but to say mass for W. de V. as in times past." Evercreech, Oct. 4, 1316. **Revocatio de Cantaria Jo. de Burcy. in Capella de Netherham.**

Fol. 100*a*.

MEM.—A sentence of general **Excomm.** issued against all who had broken the **floodbanks at Huish** (Bp.'s manor), and thus violated eccl. liberty, with citation of offenders, when found, to Wells Consistory. Wanton, Nov. 11, 1316. **Gen. Sententia.**

Bp. to Dean and three Canons. **Commission** in the suit, "ex officio," against **H. de Artiaco** (de L'Orty), and others, for violating the ecclesiastical liberties **at Huish.** "Hear the case 'quoad salutem animæ pertinet, non ad forum seculare,' and determine." Wanton, Nov. 13. **Comm.**

Bp. to three Canons. Commission to remove an illicit possessioner of **Donyat** Church, pursuant to report of Commissioners, herewith sent; and to institute and induct Roger de Witham. Wanton, Nov. 6, 1316. **Comm.**

See further Comm., fol. 102*a*.

[*End of 7th year of Consecration. Beginning of 8th.*]

Comm. pro fossatis de Hywisch prostratis.

Commission to Dean and Three Canons to hear and determine the "ex officio" cause against **De L'Orty**, the Bp. abstaining personally. Wanton, Nov. 13, 1316 (*same day as the other Commission*).

Inst.

MEM.—**Ralph de Clyvedon**, Pr., admitted to Vicarage of **Dunden.** London, 18 Kal. Feb., 1316.

Ind.

Archd. Wells to induct.

Inst.

MEM.—**John de Alresford**, Pr., admitted to Rect. of **North Barrow**, by proxy.

Ind.

Archd. Wells to induct.

Lit. dimiss. conc. ad inst. Joh. de Columbar.

MEM.—Granted to **Rich. Anselm**, Rect. of **Fytington**, Acol. to seek all higher orders, "a quovis," &c.

Wanton, 8 Kal. Dec., 1316.

Dispensatio Steph. Atte Putte.

MEM.—**Dispensation** granted to **Stephen**, Pr. of **Halse**, from irregularity contracted in the (1), acquisition ("executione") of his orders; (2), in an assault on a Priest; (3), in celebrating clandestine marriage of lay folk; and (4), other sins confessed to Pope's Penitentiary, as signified by his letters.

Greenwich, 14 Kal. Dec. 1316.

Dimiss.

MEM.—To **Will. Jarponell**, Rect. of **Elworthy**, Deac., to seek Priesthood, "a quovis," &c. Pirbright, 2 Id. Dec.

Coll. de Yebelton.

John de Burun, Pr., collated to Rect. of **Yeobilton**, resigned by Rich. de Alresford. Wanton, 7 Id. Dec.

Archd. Wells to induct.

Inst., &c., Corfton.

MEM.—**Tho. de Stoke**, Clerk, admitted to Rect. of **Corton-Denham.** Pat., Sir John de Dynham. Pirbright, Dec. 9.

Ind.

Archd. Wells to induct.

"Hic incipit Reservatio[a] beneficiorum vacantium per Papam."

4 Id. Dec., 1306.

[a] Not reservation of *patronage* but of *revenues*, which became payable to the Pope's camera, subject only to the service of the spiritual cure. *See* fol. 132*a* for Schedule.

Fol. 100*b*.

MEM.—**Will. atte More**, Pr., admitted Rect. of **Twerton.** Pat., Prioress of Kington. Wanton, 8 Id. Nov., 1316. Inst. de Twyberton.

Archd. Bath to induct.

MEM.—**And. de Raleigh**, Sub-Deac., admitted Rect. of **Nettlecombe**, resigned by Will. de Loccomb. One year's study at Oxford. London, 2 Non. Dec. Inst. de Netelcumb.

Archd. Taunt. to induct.

MEM.—**Walter de Pauncefot**, Acol., admitted Rect. of **Compton Pauncefot.** Pat., John Pauncefot, Lord of C. P. Pirbright, 1 Kal. Jan, 1316–17. Inst.

Archd. Wells to induct. Ind.

MEM.—**Robt. Amys**, Pr., admitted **Rect. of Holton.** Pat., the King, by Wardship of heir of Robert de Meoles, with injunction to Rector to have with him a good chaplain, "de quo possit addiscere, quia est mediocriter doctus." Yeshampsted, 6 Kal. Jan. Inst.

Archd. Wells to induct.

MEM.—**Bp. collated Tho. de Retford**, Chancellor, to Stall, late Petherton's. Pirbright, 7 Id. Jan., 1316–17. Coll. Prebend. W. de Pederton.

Dean to induct.

MEM.—**Rich. le Ffrie**, of Wyt-Lakington, Pr., ordained beyond sea, was dispensed, on strength of Papal Penitentiary letters, from illegitimacy. Formula in full. Bp., after inquiring into birth, character, title (obtained at Huish Champflower), absolves him from all faults in seeking his orders, and qualifies him for holding benefice. Pirbright, Jan. 10. Dispens. sup. def. natal.

Chapter to Bp. Have received his message, viz., that the Abp.'s Official had decided the cause (appropriation of Lit. Dec. et Cap. Well.

Hampton[a]) against him with costs, to their great grief. Have caused Appeal to Roman Curia to be published in Chapter, and notified to other party.

Writ in Chapter, morrow of St. Thom. Martyr, *i.e.*, Dec. 28.

[a] Bathampton Rectory was appropriated to the Priory of Bath by Bp. Haselshaw, without the ratification of the Wells Chapter. Hence the unsuccessful appeal to the Court of Arches. The appeal to Rome was dropped, and the Bp. made a formal peace with the Bath Priory. *See* fol. 103*b*.

Fol. 101*a*.

Comm. colligendae Decimae sub magno sigillo.[b]

Bp. to Dean and Chapter. "Abp. and Clergy, in Convocation at London, having granted to the King a Tenth, to be paid at Candlemas next, and the following, we appoint you Collectors for the Diocese. Exhort the exempt[c] to contribute for the common weal. Keep the cash in your treasury for our order. Return names of defaulters."

Yeshampsted, 8 Kal. Jan., 1316–17.

[b] Not the King's, but the Bp.'s. His great seal was used for acts of authority and conveying powers. The smaller one, "ad causas," for attesting. Besides, he used signets for non-official purposes.

[c] *i.e.*, the Carthusians, Cistercians, and Cluniacs, and others exempt from episcopal authority, and not compellible to grant aids.

MEM.—"Lit. excitatoria" sent, under the small "ad causas" seal, to the Chapter, urging them to accept the Commission "ut de mutuo Dno. Regi de Xa. sexannali facto, retentione facilius et certius possent." If declined, the Commission to pass on to Glastonbury.

Bp. also wrote under private seal to Dean, to spur the Canons to accept the charge for their own security,[d] he having won it for them for sake of retaining more safely the loan made to the King.

[d] By holding in their hand the monies in course of collection, before remitting them to the Exchequer.

MEM.—Alternative Commission to Glastonbury Abbey sent by same bearer, in event of Chapter declining. Varied only as concerned custody of cash.

This was not needed.

SIDE NOTE.—Alan the bearer despatched Monday before F. of Epiphany.

Dean to Bp. "We accept commission and appoint agents at once." Jan. 6, 1316–17. Lit. D. et C., Well.

Fol. 101*b*.

MEM.—**Hugh de Pond**, of Risborough, Pr., admitted Rect. of **Hemington**. Pat., Lady Alianor Courtenay. Inst. de Hemmyngton.

In the Church of Drokensford, 3 Non. Feb., 1316-17.

Archd. Wells to induct.

MEM.—**Walter Gaunt**, Pr., admitted Vic. perpetual of **Shepton Montagu**. Rockborne, 2 Id. Feb. Inst. Vic. Shepton Mont.

MEM.—**Bp. to King.** "**John Noreys**, citizen of Wells, excommunicate, has for forty days and more contumaciously despised the Keys. We pray for 'auxilium brachii secularis, ut quem Dei timor à malo non revocat Saluti, pœna temporalis cohibeat à peccato.'" Rockborne, 3 Id. Feb. Lit. Captionis.

Bp. to **Thos. de Stoke**, Rect. of **Corton Denham**, Clerk, to seek orders up to Deacon's, "a quovis." Rockborne, Id. Feb. Lit. dim. (*Writ in full.*)

Bp. to John de Foxlee and his fellow **Justices** in the Somerset Assize (Writ in full). "For better execution of justice, we grant this faculty to those whom you summon on inquests, that they may take Oaths, Lent notwithstanding." Licentia capiendi Assisas temp. quadrages.

Rockborne, Feb. 13, 1316–17.

MEM.—**Walter de Eberdon**, Pr., admitted Vic. of **Carhampton**. Pat., Prior of Bath. Rockborne, 9 Kal. March. Inst. Vic. de Karampton.

Dean of Wells to induct, being a prebend.

Fol. 102*a*.

Lic. concessa Jo. Asseby, Rect. de Bleadon, visitandi limina S. Petri et pro dilatione reconsecrationis, &c.

Bp. to Rect. of Bleadon, granting absence till Michaelmas (proviso for duties, &c.) to visit Rome; also to postpone dedication of High Altar required after removal.

Rockborne, 15 Kal. March, 1316–17.

Carta Will. de Botelria.

Bp. to William of our Butlery, called Le Yonge. For your services, past and future, we grant you for life the Holding in our Manor of Cranmere, late Hen. de Alham's, at 4*s*. per ann. Test. John and Mat. de Clivedon, John Beauchamp, of Norton, and Rich. de Rodney, Knts.; W. de Reigni, John Flory, John Samuel, Reg. de Frome, &c. Rockborne, Feb. 12, 10 Ed. II.

Inst. de Middleton.

MEM.—**Hen. de Henmore**, Pr., admitted Rect. of **Milton** (Puddimore), vice Jo. de Sutton, resigned. Pat., Glaston. Abbey.

Evercreech, 2 Kal. March, 1316–17.

Archd. Wells to induct.

Comm. de Eccl. de Monyate.

Commission to Archd. of Taunt. and two Canons to hear and determine touching vacation of **Monyate**, and removal of illicit "detentor," *vid supra*, fol. 100*a*. To induct **Roger de Witham**, "vice nostrâ." Banwell, Non. March, 1316–17.

Lic. ad Studend. (*Misplaced.*)

MEM.—One year's leave to **Robt. de Beauchamp**, Rect. of **Lymington**. Evercreech, Kal. Oct., 1316.

Fol. 102*b*.

Coll. Prebendae.

MEM.—**Hen. de Sandwich**, Archd. of Bath, collated to **Stall** of late Thos. de Gorges. Woky, 6 Id. March.

Dean to induct.

Coll. Eccl. de Twyberton.

Bp. to Hugh de Alresford, Deac. Letter of collation to Rect. of Twerton. Pat., Bp., by lapse.

Banwell, 4 Non. March, 1316–17.

Bp. to Peter de la Berghe, Rect. of **Stringston.** "The Rect. of Croscombe is broken with age; be Coadjutor to him and his Church and flock; minister necessaries out of revenue." Custodia Rect. de Corscombe.

Blackford, 4 Id. March, 1316–17.

Bp. to Will. of Bath, senior Vicar of Cath., Wells. Commission (revocable) to hear confessions, and enjoin penance through Diocese; usual reservations. Same date. Lit. Penitentiarii.

Nich. Bonny admitted to Chapel of **Misterton,** "curata." Pat., Sir Hugh de Curtenay. Wyveliscombe, 10 Kal. April. Inst. Capellae de Mynstreton.

Archd. Taunt. to induct.

Bp. to Archd. of Taunt. and two Canons. See to the execution of the papal **provision** granted to R. de C., poor Clerk, for benefice in gift of Glaston Abbey. Comm. Ric. de Cnolton, paup. Clerici.

Wyveliscombe, 11 Kal. April.

MEM.—**Hen. atte Copre,** Pr., admitted Vic. of **Brompton** Regis. Wyveliscombe, 9 Kal. April. Inst. Vic. de Brumpton Regis.

Archd. Taunt. to induct.

MEM.—Penitentiary appointment (till Octave of Easter) of Thomas, **Vic. of Dunstore.** Wyveliscombe, 8 Kal. April. Lit. Penitent.

Fol. 103*a*.

MEM.—**John Paris,** Pr., inst. Vic. of **Bridgwater,** with Penitentiary appointment. Same date. Inst. Vic. de Brugewater.

Archd. Taunt. to induct.

Patent granting **freedom "a servitute naybitatis"** to a serf on the Bp.'s Manor of **Chard.** Bp. has conferred tonsure, with leave to proceed to higher orders, retaining a claim on his services in the Priesthood, if in that order he should be acceptable to the Bp. of the day. Chew, 7 Id. April, 1317. 1317. Manumissio Ric. atte Horum de Chard.

MEM.—**John de Tanton,** Acol., to seek orders "a quovis," &c., at request of R. Turlle, Mayor of Bristol. Lit. Dim.

Chew. Same date.

Coll. Precentoriae Well. Collation of **Thom. de Dylington**, S.T.P., Pr., to **Precentorship**, vice Gorges. Bp. institutes him "assignando stallum, et locum in capitulo." Banwell, March 8, 1316.

Ind. et Install. Bp.'s official to induct and instal.

Comm. fact., &c. **Bp.** as Executor or Provisor of a Papal brief, appoints the Sub-Dean and two Canons in his place to see to the **Papal provision** granted to Nich. Thurstayn, of East Chinnock, poor clerk, entitling him to be beneficed by **Bath** Abbey.
Chew, 7 Id. April, 1317.

Manumissio Nic. Randulf de Cungresbury. **Patent of Freedom** to N. R., serf of the Bp.'s manor of **Congresbury**. Same in substance as Horam's, *supra*. If ordained Priest he is to serve the Bishop. Wells, April 4, 1317.

Fol. 103*b*.

Renunciatio Uni. sup. Appellationibus, &c., in Cath. Bathon. **Bp. renounces all appeals**, &c., in suit against Bath Priory touching Bp. Walter's Appropriation of Bathampton Church to the Priory. Chew, April 8, 1317.

Reformatio Pacis inter Epum. et Priorem. (*See below.*) Indenture (in full) containing terms of peace. Each party holding a copy. Same date.

Brevis return. et solutio pecuniae. MEM.—**An Executor account.** Hen. de London, Clerk, bound to pay one mark in London out of the goods of S. de Stoford, Rector of Whatley. Chew, April 9.

Lit. Dim. To **Jo. de Lovelynch**, Clerk, to seek all sacred orders, "a quovis," provided sufficient title. Chew, 6 Id. April.

Lic. Absent. To **Geffry de Lucy**, Rect. of **Hardington**, at request of Archd. of Wells, till Michaelmas. Banwell, Id. April, 1317.

Renunciatio Prioris Bath. sup. lite, &c. **Prior of Bath renounces** all action in **suit** "super appropriatione et confirmatione eccl. de Hampton," and all claim on Bp. and his fellow suitors. Bath, April 10, 10 Ed. II, 1317

Bp. grants to **John of Acres,** "valetto nro." a lifehold (late Garslade's) in his **manor of Wells,** for his services, at 10*s.* per ann. Test. Jo. and Math. de Clyvedon, Jo. de Beauchamp, of Marsh, Tho. de Wellesleigh, Knts.; Walklin Tonore, Robt. de Woodford, &c. Blackford, April 25, 10 Ed. II. Carta Joannis Wacre de dote de Garslade.

Seisin to be given by the Bailiff of Wells manor, James of the Mill. Seisina liberanda.

MEM.—**Hen. de la Fforde,** Clerk, Acol., instituted Rect. of **Oake** (Ake). Pat., Baldwin Malet. Inst.

Blackford, 11 Kal. Maii, 1317.

Fol. 104*a*.

Rich. son of Will. de Reygni, Clerk, in first tonsure, admitted Rect. of **Great Weston** (prob. W. Bampfield), by proxy. Pat., Robt. de Montacute. Ind.

Archd. Wells to induct.

Richard being too ill to reside, was sworn by proxy to reside when recovered. Letters of Institution to be kept back till his personal appearance. Blackford, 10 Kal. May.

MEM.—**Hen. de Fulham,** Acol., collated to **Rect.** by Bp. Wells, April 1, 1317. Coll. Eccl. de Claverton.

Archd. Bath to induct.

MEM.—**Hen. de Forneaux,** Clerk in first tonsure, admitted Rect. of **Cucklington.** Pat., Sir Hen. de L'Orty. Inst. Ind.

Blackford, 9 Kal. May.

He took the following oath, writ in full for general use:— Juramentum, &c.

"Ego talis ero obediens vobis, Pater, &c., et vestris officialibus et ministris, in canonicis et licitis mandatis. Et in inquisitionibus super vacationibus beneficiorum et in articlis omnibus super quibus inquiri continget, verum testificabor et cetera mandata vestra canonica fideliter exequar pro posse meo, ut Deus me adjuvet."

NOTE.—The Bp. wishes that all should be thus sworn on taking *any* benefice.

The next two entries show that the oath was taken. Probably it became general, and ceases to be specified.

Inst. MEM.—**Geoffry de Pucteneye**, Acol., admitted Rect. of **Perrett** (N. Perrott), by proxy. Pat., Hen. de L'Orty.

Blackford, 6 Kal. May.

Inst. MEM.—**Reginald de Essex**, Pr., admitted Rect. of **Shepton Malet.** Pat., Reginald, "filius Reginaldi."

Bridgwater, 4 Kal. May.

Ind. Letter of Ind. issued.

[*A blank one-and-a-half inch wide.*]

Inst. Eccl. S. J., Yebelchester. MEM.—**Rich. de Heselarton**, Acol., admitted Rect. of **St. John, Ilchester.** Pat., the King.

Wyveliscombe, 4 Non. May.

Letters dimissory for ordination "a quovis."

Inst. Vic. de Murelynch. MEM.—**Walter de Strete** admitted Vic. of **Moorlinch.** Pat. Glaston. Abbey. Same date.

Custos of Glaston. Jurisdiction to induct.

Names of four persons tonsured at Yatton on Sunday, "Quo cantatur O si modo gerit." All of Glaston, apparently.

Fol. 104*b*.

Comm. sup. quibusdam excessibus in Prioratu de Canyngton temp. Vac. **Bp. to two Canons.** Commission to inquire into disorders arising in **Canington** Nunnery since resignation of Prioress Emma de Bytelscomb, and to prorogue for Bp.'s hearing in September at Wyveliscombe Church. Blackford, April 24, 1317.

See Hugo, p. 15.

Commenda Will. de Wengrave de Wythrigg Eccl. COPY.—**Walter Bp. of Exon.** to **W. de W.**, Pr. "The late Rec. of Withyridge, Tho. de Gorges, having left sore dilapidations, which you have striven to repair, we commend to you for

the period limited by the General Constitutions, the Church of W., to which you are presented by the pat., Sir. Rob. Fitzpayne. The repairs to be done out of revenue, and all duties discharged." Stockwell, apud London, April 31, 1317.

Why entered in this Diocese?

Bp. to Official of Archdeaconry of Wells. "The Legatine Constitutions of Otto and Ottobon forbid the use of undedicated places, and require rectors of new built churches to seek consecration within the year, on pain of suspension and interdict., nevertheless some rectors profanely celebrate before consecration. Such are to be mulcted, *e.g.*, the Rect. of T., 10*s.*, and so in turn all who are found on the Roll which returns non-dedicated Churches." Executio contra personar pro eccl. altaribus, et capellis non consecratis.

A model for use throughout Diocese.

Commission to Archd. of Taunt. and Canon Bradney, in *re* vacancy of **Donyate.** Same terms as above, fol. 102, but one Commissioner dropped. Wyveliscombe, 6 Id. May, 1317. Comm. fact. sup. Donyate.

Fol. 105*a*.

Bp. ordains by Patent that Roger dict. de March having resigned **Westbury** Vicarage from age and sickness, his successors shall be bound by oath to minister to him in food and clothing, in lodging and attendance ("comitivâ"), or pay 4 mks. per ann., if he prefers to find his own lodging, &c. Lit. pro sustent. Vicarii de Westbury decrepiti.

Blackford, 16 Kal. June, 1317.

MEM.—**Roger de Langlonde,** Rect. of **High Ham,** one year's study. Blackford, 7 Kal Sept. Lic. Stud.

MEM.—**Geffry de Bideputte** collated Vic. of **Westbury.** Coll. Vic. de Westbury.

Blackford, 15 Kal. June, 1317.

Dean of Wells to induct.

MEM.—The Vicar sworn in Blackford Chapel to provide for the retiring Vicar as ordained. Test., Nic. de Wynton, Adam de Rustiton, Roger de Wytham, Robt. de Ros, four Clerks of Bp.'s Chapel. Juramentum.

Prima Consura.

MEM.—On Whitsunday, in parish Church of Wyveliscombe, Geoffry de Bradford received **tonsure** from Bp., and next day, same place, Robt. Beaupel, son of Sir Robt. B., of Exon Diocese, by lit. dim. 9 Kal. June.

Lit. testimon. sup. legitimatione.

Certificate that **Tho. le Bret,** and two brothers of Withycombe in this Diocese are born in lawful wedlock of Tho. le Bret and Agnes Bareyl, as proven on inquisition.

Wyveliscombe, 4 Non. June, 1317.

Lit. pro Pensione Archidiaconatus Well.

Bp. to Archd. "Finding that 63*s.* 4*d.*, a pension due from your office to the See under canonical obedience, has gone unpaid, we admonish you to pay, or to appear in Wells Consistory 'prox. die juridico.'" 4 Non. June, 1317.

Comm. ad audiend. Comp. Priorum Altarium B. M. et S. Andreae.

Bp. to his Official and another Canon. "The Priors (*i.e.*, chief chaplains of the two Altars) having neglected to render due account, to which our registers show them liable, cite them and also such executors as have paid bequests to them to **an audit**; report to us." Wyveliscombe, June 3, 1317.

Lic. habendi cantariam in oratoria.

MEM.—To **Robt. de Bracton** (Bratton in Minehead), to have for two years in his oratory, for self and family, a chantry served by his own priest, "super altari portatili," saving attendance at parish Church on four great feasts. Same date.

Lit. concess. Adae de Bristoll.

MEM.—**Adam de B.,** Rect. of **North Cheriton,** licensed to be absent one year in service of Dame Aliva Burnell; and to farm his benefice to approved person. Blackford, 4 Kal. July, 1317.

Lic. Abs.

MEM.—**Oliver de Gretton,** Rect. of **Charlcomb,** to be absent one year in service of Sir Rog. de Felton, and to farm, &c.

Blackford, 4 Id. July, 1316.

Absolutio.

Pronounced at Banwell, 8 Non. July, 1317, after excommunication for resisting mulct due for officiating at unconsecrated altar. *See* fol. 104*b*.

"In Dei Nom., Amen. Nos. J., &c., &c. . . . te **Ric. de Wyk,** Rect. Eccl. de **Weston in Gordano,** a sententiâ

Excomm., in quam incidisti pro eo quod pecuniam, in quâ mulctatus extiteris, pro majori altari ecclæ tuæ nondum dedicato, non solvisti, et te absolvimus, sacrisque ecclæ restituimus. In Nom. Patris, Filii, et SS."

SCRIBE'S NOTE.—"Ibidem solvit mulctam."

Fol. 106*a*.

PATENT.—"The Master and Brethren of St. Mark's, Bristol, presented to us a Priest to hold the Vicarage of the Ch. of Stockland 'as it shall be ordained by us.' We, therefore, by Council of Assessors, thus order it in God's name for ever. The Vicar to have house at Rector's cost, fifteen acres of arable in 'campo,' and other small parcels; tithes of two windmills, of hay throughout parish, and of Rector's domain, of wool, milk, &c.; all oblations and obventions, and all small ('minutæ') tithes of the court-house save of swans. Rector to bear all 'onera' of chancel and ornaments save two processional tapers." Ordinatio Vic. de Stokland.

Winscombe, Kal. June, 1317.

Bp. to John Butel, Pr. "Jocelin, Vic. of Doulting, is aged and blind. We appoint you Coadjutor to him and his office for his parishioners' sake. Provide for him and them out of revenue. Render us an account." Blackford, 5 Kal. July, 1317. Lit. Coadj.

To Archd. of Taunt. and Canon Lanton. To act in cause to be promoted against violators of eccl. liberty in Canington Priory. Comm.

Blackford, 3 Id. July, 1316 [*misplaced*].

Fol. 106*b*.

[*Very faint and cramped.*]

Will de B . . ., fforombie, Archd.(?) of the Apostolic See, to Bp. "Last Lent we admonished you touching the 100 mks. deposited with the Chapter by Bp. de March, and your arrears of Peter-pence. Pay the latter within fifteen days, on pain of interdict 'ab Lit. magna Will. de Balretto.

ingressu.'[a] Monish the chapter to pay the 100 mks. in London in 'quindenâ' of Trinity." London, May 16, 1317.

To be published in Wells Cath.

[a] From entering his Cathedral or any consecrated place.

Responsio fact. Fratribus Pred. Oxon.

Bp. to Preaching Friars, Oxford, two of whom had borne letters to him asking protection, apparently against some thwarters of their privileges. Bp. pleads partial information—is a guardian of privilege generally—with all goodwill to their order. Cannot grant request in its present form without peril to justice et "nostri status." Wyveliscombe, Whitsuntide.

Comm. de Electâ de Canyngton.

To Archd. of Taunt., three Canons, and Dr. Forde, or three of them. To **examine** election of Matilda de Morton; to read sealed instructions; to fix day for appeal, if any, in Canington Church, or then to **confirm the elect.**

Wyveliscombe, May 28, 1317.

See Hugo, p. 17, for details.

Custodia Sequestri.

MEM.—**Bp.** granted to **John de Lanton,** Pr., the guardianship of **sequestered** churches of Nether Stowey, Puriton, and Wullavington, which had been uncanonically farmed to a Layman by the **Prior of Goldclyve,** Rector. After providing for duties, to answer to Bp. for residue.

Fol. 107*a*–118*b*.

Royal taxation-writs, with Bp.'s returns thereto.

11 to 14 Ed. II.

Fol. 119*a*.

Manumissio Walt. de Hemmingworth.

MEM.—Grant of **freedom to serf** on Bp.'s Manor of Congresbury. Woky, 5 Kal. March, 1319.

Coll. Precentoriae Bath.

MEM.—Same day Bp. collated **Tho. de Foxcote,** Monk, to **Præcentorship** of Abbey of Bath during pleasure.

Inst.

MEM.—**Hen. de Foxcote,** Dr., admitted to **Southstoke** Vicarage. Woky, 5 Kal. April, 1319.

Ind.

Archd. of Bath to induct.

MEM.—To **John Gornay**, Rect. of **Stratton Victor** (on Fosse), for one year. Same date. Lic. Stud.

MEM.—**Robt. de Montford**, Pr., admitted Rect. of **Babbecary**. Same date. Inst.

Bp. to Tho. de Feld, Deac. "Tho. de Astley having resigned, with all needful consents, the Rect. of **Horsington** for Prebend in Bromyard Church, we admit you Rect. of H." Pat., the King, by Wardship of the heir of Wm. Russell. Barlinch, April 12, 1319. Archd. Wells to induct. Inst. Eccl. de Horsington bia permutationis.

"We hereby **absolve Tho. de A.**, Clerk, from all censures which he may have incurred, and have subsequently conferred on him the Prebend of Bromyard. This is to certify his qualification for preferment." Lit. Absol. Thom. de Astleye.

See fol. 119*b*.

PATENT.—**Bp. grants,**[a] with consent of his Chapters, to Geoffrey de L'isle and wife, the tenement, late Ralph le Parchmener's, in Market, North St., and three others to other tenants, to be **held of the See** at small rents, "**jure hereditario,**" tenant repairing. Carta diversi. tenementorum ap. Bathon.

Test. John Randolph, Seneschal; Nic. Strete, Bailiff of Pucklechurch; and John the Baker, Mayor of Bath.

Wyveliscombe, May 11, 12 Ed. II.

The deed, disjointed, is finished in fols. 120*a*, *b*.

[a] The alienation of the episcopal house property in Bath is an evidence of the widened gap between the Bishops and the Bath sedes, which had been going on for over 100 years. The Convent, both fabric and institution, felt the gap, as well as the City. The Bp. (D.) resided now and then at his Manors of Hampton and Claverton, but never in his Abbot's lodgings in Bath, which probably were not kept up. In Hen. VIII Valor they are described as "the Palace, leased for £1 per ann."

Fol. 119*b*.

Bp. to Tho. de Astley, Subdeac. "Having received a commission (recited in full) from Adam, Bp. of H., to do all that he as Patron and Diocesan can do in your exchange, dated Feb., Coll. Preb. Eccl. Coll. de Bromyard, Hereford Dio.

1314, we have accepted resignation of Tho. de la Felde, and now collate you to his Prebend." Barlinch, April 12, 1319.

R. Dean of Frome (Hereford) to induct.

Fol. 120*a*.

Recognitio seu Confessio judicialis.

"I, Folicot de Devonia, Rect. of Ashe Regis (Exon) hold myself bound to pay to Rich. de Luggore £10 at Michaelmas." On receipt of this bond, the Bp., sitting judicially in St. Decuman's Church, pronounces him bound to pay the £10—*i.e.*, makes him canonically liable.

Present, the Archd. of Taunton's Official and Bp.'s two Chaplains.

Note this method of bringing a debt within ecclesiastical jurisdiction.

Coll. Canonicatus Elton.

Bp. to Geoffrey de Exton, Clerk. Collates him to Stall, late Hanlo's, in Wells.[a] "Quatenus absque incursu censuræ alicujus superioris poterimus." Banwell, 9 Kal. April, 1318.

Dean to induct.

[a] Exton or Eyton not a Priest, described by the Bp. as a young man, who might become "fructuosus" to Diocese. Hence the words of caution, remembering the Abp.'s censure in the case of the boy Berkeley.

Lit. Dim.

MEM.—Will. Betebill, Rect. of W. Lydford, Subdeac., to seek Deacon's orders, "a quovis," &c.

Wyveliscombe, 17 Kal. June, 1319.

Comm. in Negot. Robt. Hamond de Bruyton per bullam.[b]

Subdean. and two Canons to hear and discuss the cause proposed by Convent of Keynsham against Robt. H., of Bruton, "cupientem. famulari Dom. sub regulari habitu." The bull and process to be forwarded under seal to Bp.

Cruk (Crewkerne), Kal. May, 1319.

[b] A provisory letter, probably entitling to claim admission to the Convent.

Comm. ad amovend. illicitum detentorem in Preb. de Elton.

Bp. filio suo (*anon*). Empowering him to remove the detainer of the Preb. and to give full possession to G. de Eyton. *See* above. Banwell, 8 Kal. April, 1319.

Fol. 120*b*.

Bp. to J. C., his "Valettus." Grants a Messuage and parcels of overland in Wester Howorth, and a cottage in Worle, and pasture in Banwell, for lives of John and wife, in consideration of past and future services. To be held of See at money rents. Fine £40. Carta Jo. Champflur.

Test., Jo. and Mat. de Clyvedon, Jo. Randolph, Rich. de Rodney, Knts.; John la Warre, and three others.

Wyveliscombe, May 10, 12 Ed. II.

MEM.—**Ric. de Neubery,** Rect. of F., at request of **Philip de Columbers,** is licensed to serve him for one year. Lic. conc. Rectori de Fytington.

Hunespill, 10 Kal. June, 1319.

Power of **Atty. from Bp.** to two of his Clerks to claim from **Barons of Exchequer** the fines and amercements belonging to him throughout his diocese; also to render an account before the Barons, "pro nobis et nomine nostro," of the issues and fines of the Chancery and other dues of the King. Comm. fact. Ric. de Notyngham et Joanni Molyns.

Cheddar, May 31, 12 Ed. II.

MEM.—Leave to **Rect. of Bleadon to visit** "Limina St. Tho., Martyris" (*i.e.*, **Canterbury**), returning by F. of St. John Bapt. Pro Rectore de Bleodon.

Banwell, 8 June, 1319.

Fol. 121*a*.

MEM.—**Hen. de Sutton,** Capell., admitted Rect. of **N. Perrott,** vice Geoff. de Pulteney, resigned. Pat., Sir Hen. de l'Orti, as found by inquest at Ilchester. Banwell, 4 Non. June, 1319. Inst. de North Perrett.

Archd. Wells to induct.

Bp. to Prior of Hexham. Accepts a horse, "lyardum album," by hands of his proctor, value 20 mks., in part of arrears of 200 mks. of lifehold rent. Banwell, June 9, 1319. Acquietantia Priori de Hertildesham.

The whole Text (in French) of the **Grant as voted** by the **Convocation of Cant.,** and **sealed by the King,** with acceptance Concessio fact. Regi et. con-

Sensu totius cleri. *(No inferior clergy specified.)*

of the conditions. The Prelates, Chapters, Abbots, Priors, present in Parliament, and Proctors of absent ones, in firm hope of the Franchises of the Church being defended, especially against the Scots, will grant to the King according to the usual valor (*i.e.*, 1291–2) (*not* on the new assessment of goods and chattels) a Tenth, to be paid after Michaelmas by instalments. Grants to be null failing certain conditions. Each Bp., not the King, to make the Levy. No date.

Pensio.

Ep. to Nich. de Bath, Clerk, Proctor of **Arches Court.** Grant of salary, two mks. per ann., with third part of one length of Cloth, as worn by the Bp.'s Clerks, and one "furura" of buget for super-tunic, another for hood, "de camerâ nostrâ," whilst engaged by Bp. Banwell, 3 Kal. June, 1319.

Fol. 121*b*.

MEM.—**Roger de Bruton,** Capell., instituted to perpetual Chantry of **Swell.** 7 Kal. May, 1319.

Archd. Taunt. to induct.

MEM.—**Gilbert, dict. Rogge,** of Bruton, Pr., instituted Vic. of **Swell.** Wyveliscombe, 17 Kal. June.

Archd. Taunt. to induct.

MEM.—**Tho. Cote** admitted Vic. of **Timberscombe,** by exchange with Vic. of Dunster. Yeovil, 2 Kal. May, 1319.

Archd. of Wells to induct.

Inst. de Kyngesdon.

MEM.—**Peter Pyk** instituted Rect. of **Kingsdon.** Combe Epi., 3 Non. May, 1319.

Archd. of Wells to induct.

Lic. conc. Rectori de Melles.

MEM.—To **Rich. de Lughetresburgh,** Pr., for two years to serve Ralph, Lord Monthermer, Warden of King's Forests, South of Trent. Proviso for duties and proctor.

Pucklechurch, 13 Kal. June.

Bp. to Robt. de Pipeshull, Clerk. As reward of long service, grants 5 mks. per ann., "de camerâ," and a Clerk's robe, until beneficed up to 20 mks. Chew, 8 Kal. July, 1319. Ann. Pensio, &c.

Fol. 122*a*.

Three entries crossed out, two because "given below," the third because better registered under date 1318 (this misplaced). It records a **Commenda** of **Chedzoy** Rect., with consent of Pat., Will. de Montacute, to the Rect. of **Goathill.**

MEM.—**Peter de Berkelee,** born in this Diocese, to seek all orders, "a quovis," &c., Kingsbury, 7 Kal. Aug., 1319. Lit. dim.

A layman apparently, or boy.

Bp. to Duke of Brittany (*French*). "Ten men (named) of your country are arrested by the Somerset people for trespass, &c.; it is a pity if war should arise through their misdoings; better disown them as worthless seafarers, and leave them to justice." A notre Manoir de Welles, jour 20 d'Aoust. Lit. directa Joanni Duci de Bretanniâ pro quibm. nautis in Com. Som. arrestatis intra dominium[a] suum.

[a] Probably on the seaboard in the Bp.'s Hundred of Winterstoke.

King to Bp. Recites subsidies granted by Northern Clergy and Laity in Parliament at York, and Tenth imposed by the Pope on Southern Clergy, but not leviable till Michaelmas; wants very urgent, "**lend** and **get loans** on security of the subsidies when paid." York, July 19, 13 Ed. II. Breve Regis pro pecuniâ mutuo habendâ sup. Dec. nobiter a Papâ concess.

Bp.'s reply summarized in margin. "Brief received on borders of Devon, too distant to act upon it; have delivered to **Sheriff** 300 **quarters of grain,** on loan to the King, equal in value to my Tenth. Most willing, if able; will stir Abbots and Priors, and report to King by August."

The Royal circular is followed by **private letter from King to Bp.** in French, writ at York, July 20. King bids Bp. consider the great costs and risks of his Scotch expedition, the great perils of failure; appeals to Bp.'s affection for aid.

Lit. direct. Abb. de Michelney pro moderatione Compoti Hen. de Cammel.

Bp. to Abbot of M. "Notwithstanding our injunctions, **Hen. de C.**, the 'coquinarius,' reports that **no audit** of his department has been held for two years, the fault being with the servitors. We ordain that within seven days of Michaelmas (instead of fifteen as first ordered) the account be rendered or penalties enforced. The report to be forwarded after Michaelmas."

Wyveliscombe, 5 Kal. Sept., 1319.

Fol. 123*a*.

Lic. Stud.

MEM.—To **Will. de Assheton**, Rect. of **Burnet**, for one year at Oxford. Dunkerton, 13 Kal. Oct., 1319.

Fol. 123*b*.

Coll. Cant. Will. de Button E. Epi.

Bp. to D. and C. of Wells. "**An Annale** being endowed in memory of Bp. Bytton the First, at the Altar of the Lady Chapel behind the High Altar, we collate to it, **John de Shefford**, Pr. He is entitled to the endowment, if he serves duly."

Banwell, 3 Non. Sept., 1319.

Coll. Canonic.

MEM.—**Richard de Ford**, Doctor of Decr., Clerk, collated to **Stall** vice Lanton; **Michael de Eston**, Clerk, vice Waryn, resigned. Kingsbury, Id. Aug.

Dean to induct.

Lic. Stud.

MEM.—To **Nich. Poynz**, Rect. of **Curry Malet**, Sub-deac., one year. Cheddar, 9 Kal. Oct.

Assignatio Offi. Sacristariae Bath.

MEM.—**Sacristanship** of Bath assigned during pleasure to John de Cumpton, Monk. Chewton, 4 Kal. Oct., 1319.

Coll. unius de Priorat. B. M. Wells.

MEM., same day.—At request of H. de Penkridge, **Ric. de Gray**, Pr., Cath. Vicar, is collated to a Priorship in the **Chantry** of B. Virgin. 4 Kal. Oct.

Coll. unius de Prior. St. Martini.

MEM., same date.—**Stephen** (called) of St. Martin, Chaplain of Archd. of Bath, collated to a Priorship in **St. Martin's Chapel.**

Bp., as sole judge in the case by Pope's delegation, commissions two Canons to effect the Papal provision granted to **Simon** of Wyveliscombe, poor Clerk, against **Barlinch Priory**. Wyveliscombe, 4 Non. Dec., 1319. Comm. fact., &c.

Fol. 124*a*.

Bp. of W. to Bp. of B. and W. "**R. de Montfort**, Rect. of Ashstead (Winton), has obtained possession of Rect. of **Babcary** in your Diocese, without showing any exemption. We request you to report the facts." Southwark, 7 Kal. Oct., 1319. Lit. Epi. Wynton. contra Rob. de Monteforti.

MEM.—To **Roger Fitzpayne**, Rect. of **Corscombe** (Crosscombe), one year. Banwell, 4th Oct. Lic. Stud.

Bp. to Walkelin de Ashmorebrook, Pr., lately inst. to Rect. of **Chedzoy**, vice Mich. de Drokensford, resigned. Pat., Lord Will. de Montacute. Banwell, 1319. Inst. de Chedesoye.

Letter issued. Ind.

MEM.—**Bond for 100 mks.** Bp. to pay Simon de Swanlond for cloth at F. of Purif. Evercreech, 20 Oct., 13 Ed. II. Obligatio.

A like bond deferring payment till Easter quindene. Obligatio.

Bp. to Prior. "We notify you that **Wm. de Crowcombe**, late **Templar**, is, by his own choice, received into Muchelney Abbey, and into the **Benedictine Rule**." Evercreech, 18 Kal. Nov., 1319. Lit. testimon. Priori. Hospitalis St. Jo. Jer.

MEM.—To Rect. of High Ham (**Langlond**), one year. Evercreech, Kal. Oct. Lic. Stud.

MEM.—to Rect. of N. Barrow (**Feryngdon**), one year. Banwell, 4 Kal. Oct.

Fol. 124*b*.

To **Rich. Stale**, Clerk, of **Kelston**, one year. Evercreech, Id. Oct. Lic. Stud.

Procuratorium Nich. de Bath in Arcubus, Lond.

General Proxy, in large terms, to N. de Bath, to act as Bp.'s Proctor in **Arches Court**. Patent under seal, and bonds.

Id. Oct., 1319.

[Entry of Collation to a Wells Stall struck out, the Stall being filled by Pope.]

Lic. Dno. Walk., Rect. de Chedeseye.

One year's leave to Rect. of **Chedzoy** (Ashmore*ford* or brook, *sup.* fol. 124*a*), to serve his patron, **Wm. Montacute**, King's Seneschal in Gascony, with provisoes.

Kingsbury, 7 Kal. Nov. 1319.

Inst. de Kynewardston.

Bp. to Thomas de Stoke, Acol. Letter of Instit. to R. of Kingweston, with Licence to seek Subdeacon's orders, "a quovis," &c., vice Tho. de Alewy, resigned. Pat., Prioress of Bermondsey. Same date.

Ind.

Archd. Wells to induct.

Lic. Stud.

Will. de Crawthorn, Rect. of **Charlynch**, one year. Proviso.

Wyveliscombe, 4 Kal. Nov.

Coronati in Eccl. de Mydel Chynnok.

Names of six persons tonsured. No date.

"Hic finit ult. annus reservationis primorum fructuum fact. per Papam Jo. XXII."[a]

[a] This reservation of first-fruits of *all* benefices must not be confused with the reservation of vacant benefices in 1316. *See* fol. 100*a*.

Fol. 125*a*.

Inst. de Mynstreton.

MEM.—**Geoff. de Erneshull**, Cap., instituted to Chap. of **Misterton** (with cure), vice Bunz, resigned. Pat., Sir Hugh de Curtenaye. Wyveliscombe, Id. Nov., 1319 (xj of Consecration).

Ind.

Archd. Taunt. to induct.

Comm. pro audiend. Comp. Epatus, B. et W.

Appointment of John de Clyvedon and Jo. Randolf, Knts., Canon Penkridge, and Mich. de Eston, Receiver, to **audit Bailiff's** and Provost's Accounts "secundum regni consuetudinem usitatam." All Bailiffs, &c., to be answerable to them.

Nov. 15.

Manumission of W. de R., serf. (of what manor?), with Licence to seek all **Orders**; the See to have first claim on his Priest's services; Bp. himself conferred "Tonsuræ Primæ caracterem." Dispensatio Wm. de Radewell.

Bp. to Dame Cecilia de Beauchamp. Grants her prayer for the services of Sir Wm. de Bath, as domestic **chaplain**, provided he visits his parish, gives alms to his poor, &c. *No Heading. (French.)*

Like letter to her son, John de B.

Wyveliscombe, Dec. 2, 1319.

Fol. 125*b*.

MEM.—To Hugh de **Risborough**, Rect. of Hemington, one year at Oxon. Lic. Stud.

To Hen. **de la Forde**, Rect. of Oake, one year at Oxon. Lic. Stud.

Blackford, Dec., 1319.

Roger Fromond, Pr., admitted Rect. of **H.**, vice William, deceased. Pat., Prior of Stoke-Courcy. Inst. de Holeford.

Blackford, 17 Kal. Jan.

Archd. of Taunt. to induct. Ind.

Bp. to four Canons. Commission to determine suit promoted "ex officio" against Dean **Husee's exors.**, who have instituted cross suits and delayed administration. Comm. in neg. cont. executores, &c.

Blackford, Kal. Jan., 1319.

MEM.—To John, Rect. of Brompton Ralph, Subdeac., one year in Oxford. Wyveliscombe, 2 Kal. Oct. Lic. Stud.

MEM.—Same to Peter Pyk, Rect. of Kingsdon, Subdeac.

Kingsbury, 2 Kal. Sept.

MEM.—**Rob. de Upton**, Pr. instituted Rect. of **Shepton Beauchamp.** Banwell, 2 Non. Jan. Inst.

Archd. Taunt. to induct. Ind.

MEM.—Granted to **Walter le Haut**, Monk, Rect. of **Henton**, one year's study at Oxon. Blackford, 5 Id. Jan.

Coll. Eccl. de Henton Canonicorum. (*Mistake for Fratrum*).

MEM.—Bp. collated **W. le Haut** to Rect. of **Henton Charterhouse.** Blackford, Id. Dec.

Archd. Wells to induct.

Fol. 126*a*.

Lic. Stud.

MEM.—W. Gacelyn, Rect. of Street and Walton, one year. Andrew de Raleigh, Rect. of Nettlecomb, one year.

Jan., 1319–20.

Coll. Cap. de Stone in Cap. Regia, Hastings.

Bp. to Rich. de Wyntelworth, Clerk. (1) Reciting Commission plenary from Bp. of Chichester to act for him in effecting exchange of Stone Prebend in King's Chapel, Hastings, for Rect. of **Yeobilton**; (2) Instituting R. de W. to the Preb. on King's nomination, certified by Archd. of Lewes.

Chew, 3 Non. Feb., 1319–20.

Ind.

Ind. by Archd. Lewes.

Coll.

MEM.—**Bp. collated** W. de Harpham (by exchange) to **Yeobilton.**

Ind.

Archd. Wells to induct.

Fol. 126*b*.

Comm. in Reg. Testamenti Husee Dec.

Bp. to four Canons. Commission to **audit** Administration Account of Dean **Husee's executors.**

Chew, 3 Non. Feb., 1319–20.

Inst.

MEM.—**John Trindut** de Rofa (Rochester), Clerk, vice Tho. de Oxon, resigned, instituted Rect. of **Rode.** Pat., Sir Alan de Cherlton. One year's leave of study. Blackford, 3 Id. Jan.

Ind.

Archd. Wells to induct.

Comm. Ballivae.

MEM.—**Bp. appointed** Jo. de Appleby **Bailiff** of Manors of Banwell, Cheddar, Compton, Blackford. Yatton, Jan. 28.

Coll. Precentoriae Bathon.

MEM.—Hugh de Dovor, Monk, collated to **Bath Precentorship** during pleasure. Chew, Non. Feb.

Three (Monks?) persons of Bath **tonsured** on F. of Purification. — Coronati apud Chew.

John de Bathon, Rect. of **Blackford** Chapel, Acol., to seek Deacon's Orders, "a quovis," &c. — Lit. Dim.

To **Tho. de Stoke**, Rect. of **Kingweston**, to seek Priest's Orders, "a quovis," &c. Windsor, May 5, 1320. — Lit. Dim.

Fol. 127*a*.

Bp. commissions Bp. of Exeter to act for him in effecting **exchange** of **Tolland Rect.** for Awlescombe Vic. (Exon.), by accepting resignation of Gilbert de Quenton, and instituting Will. de Quenton in his place. Wyveliscombe, 2 Id. April, 1320. — Comm. Epi. Exon. &c.

Will., dict. **Schagg**, de Oxon, Pr., admitted Rect. of **Haselbury**, vice John, deceased. Pat., the Prebendary of H. Wyveliscombe, 16 Kal. May, 1320. — Inst. de Hasilbere.

Dean of Wells to induct. — Ind.

Bp. to three Canons. Commission to examine the Inquisition verdict touching the vacation of **Wheathill**, and to report thereon. Wyveliscombe, 15 Kal. May. — Comm. sup. Inquisit. Eccl. de Wethull.

Bp. to Deans, Archdeacons, Abbots, &c., and laymen in Diocese. "The Pope having commended this Hosp. to us, we commend its Messengers to you. Let them for three Sundays at Mass set forth their claims, 'negotio nostræ Cath. Eccl. minimè perturbato;' the collections to be handed in bulk, under testimony of approved men, to the Messengers. They are not to exhibit 'rotuli depicti,' relics, or other 'frivola;' the collection not to be farmed." Wyveliscombe, 18 Kal. May, 1320. — Lit. Indulgentiae conc. Fratribus Hosp. S. Spir. in Saxia in Urbe Rom.

Note his earnestness to advance the Cathedral fabric, and his caution against begging stimulants.

Fol. 127*b*.

Power of Attorney to G. de F., the bearer, Clerk, to distrain, — Comm. fact.

Gilberto le Fleming de Nova Castro, &c.

if need, for arrears of rent payable from Horncastle by the Bp. of Carlisle; and further to receive from Prior of Hexham arrears of the 200 mks. rent.

Commenda Eccl. de Portes-heved.

MEM.—Grant to **Canon Martel** of Ch. of **Portishead** in commendam. Archd. of Bath monished to let him dispose of revenue. Wyveliscombe, 18 April.

Lit. Joannis le Porter.

MEM.—**Bp. granted certificate to John the Porter of Buckland,** and Alice his wife, touching affinity contracted between Alice and a son of John (by another) by Alice being his sponsor. J. and A. proved that the sponsorship (if any) was after marriage, and were pronounced lawfully wedded.

At Wyveliscombe, during Bp.'s visitation, 16 Kal. July, 1320.

Fol. 128*a*.

Lit. Dni. Cantuar. ad inducend. W. de Clopton in Thesaur. Wellie.

Abp. to Bp., in *re* **Exchange of Treasurership** (by John de Bruton) for Tydd. S. Mary (W. de Clopton), the Bp. having delegated his patronage to Abp., who therefore orders the induction of W. de C. Lambeth, 6 Non. May, 1320.

Vid. fol. 129*a*.

Lit. supplicatoria G. de Middelton pro dicto neg.

G. de M. to Bp., praying that the said induction may be prorogued.

See fol. 129*a* for reason.

Comm. Rigaudi Waynton electi confirmati.

Bp. elect of Winchester to **Bp. B. and W.,** delegating him to accept resignation of Shalfleet (I. of Wight) by Rich. de Borun (Bourne), **for exchange,** and to institute successor, &c.

London, Kal. May, 1320.

Acquietantia Mich. de Eston, Receptoris.

Bp.'s Acquittance to his Receiver, upon audit of seven years, showing £34 due to Bp. He is cleared, on warranting the Bp. against all creditors, specially Adam Pomeroy, late Clerk of Bp.'s Hospitium. Wyveliscombe, May 7, 13 Ed. II.

MEM.—**R. de Burun** (Bourne) admitted Rect. of **Wraxall,** vice Everdon, resigned. Pat., Sir Ralph Gorges. Wyveliscombe, Id. May. **Inst. Ric. de Bourne in Eccl. de Wroxhale.**

Archd. Bath to induct. **Ind.**

Bp. to W. de Eberdon, reciting in full the Bp.'s (Rigaud) Commission, and granting institution, with induction by Archd. of Winchester. Same date. **Inst. de Shaldeflete.**

MEM.—**Bp.** grants to **W. de Eremyne,**[a] Clerk, of King's Chancery, 100*s.* per annum, "de camerâ" (no cause). London, June 8. **Annua Pensio.**

[a] Bp. of Norwich, 1325.

Fol. 128*b.*

Will of Sir Will de Montacute, made 1319, at Bourdeaux. He bequeaths his body to be buried in Church of SS. Peter and Paul de Breuton.[b] His houses in City of London to his wife. To his daughter Mary, the Maritagium[c] of Rich., son and heir of Sir Thomas Cogan, which he bought of the King. Moveables to his executors (viz., his widow, son, and his chaplain, Walkelin) for funeral, and for his soul's good. Test., his wife, Friar Will. de Calne, and his Clerk, Will. de Longley.

[b] Probably Bruton Priory, though dedicated to St. Mary and St. Aldhelm. It was one of the burial-places of the family, who conferred on it the Rectory of Shepton Montagu.

[c] The feudal Superior's right of disposing in marriage the orphans of his vassals.

NOTE IN MARG.—Proved before Bp in Wyveliscombe Church, 7 Kal. April, 1320. Moveables sequestrated, until the widow and Walkelin arrived and obtained administration.

See fol. 131*b.*

Fol. 129*a.*

MEM.—**John de Weston,** Pr., inst. to Rect. of **W. in G.,** vice Rich. de Wyk, resigned. Pat., Laurence de St. Maur, "hac vice, ratione tertiæ partis manerii." Dogmersfield, 4 Id. July, 1320. **Inst. de Weston in Gordano. Ind.**

Archd. Bath to induct.

Commutatio Voti Sibillae de S. Martino.

Bp. to Sibilla de St. M. "Under terror of death you have vowed rashly to eat no flesh or fish pending your pilgrimage to our Lady of Walsingham, an abstinence beyond weak powers. In pursuance of the canonical rule, viz., that a vow is saved by substitution of a better thing, we now **substitute abstinence** from beef, enjoining fish diet, with alms to ten poor, till day of pilgrimage. Rockborne, 4 Non Aug., 1320.

Reversio Thesaur. Jo. de Bruyton.

Grant from Bp. to **J. de B.** of **reversion of Wells Treasurership**, which he had exchanged for Tydd, but found Tydd filled by Papal provision. Rockborne, 2 Non. Aug.

See fol. 129*b*.

Lit. dim.

MEM.—To Rect. of Yeovilton (Harpham), Sub-deac., to seek Deacon's orders. Banwell, Oct. 15.

Lit. dim.

MEM.—To two Canons of Keynsham, to seek Priest's orders.

Lic. Stud.

MEM.—To Rect. of Burnet (Aston), for one year.

Banwell, 13 Kal. Oct.

Lic. Absent.

To Rich. de Thistledon, for one year to spend ("morari") in Arches Court.

i.e., in apprenticeship, or in practice as Advocate.

Fol. 129*b*.

(*No Headings.*)

The Abp., Walter, after reciting, on Inspeximus, **John de Bruton's Resignation** of Wells Treasurership, conditional on his obtaining Tydd, makes record of his grievances in being forestalled by Papal provision. Lambeth, Aug. 5, 1320.

The Abp.'s Record, being carried to **Bp. of B. and W.,** produced **mandate** (recited) to Archd. of Wells, enjoining him to cite W. de Clopton, the new Treasurer (by exchange), to **remove him from office** and replace J. de B.[a]

Rockborne, 10 Kal. Sept., 1320.

[a] This proceeding exemplifies the ramifications of the corrupt custom of Papal Provision. It overthrew all patrons' rights, and therewith the normal course of preferment.

Fol. 130*a*.

MEM.—**Roger Mandus** inst. to **Swell Chantry**, vice Ad. Ingolf, resigned. Pat., Sir Henry de L'Orti. Cheddar, 13 Kal. Oct., 1320. — Inst. Cantariae de Swelle.

To **John de Bere**, Rect. of **Bere Malherbe** (Bere Crocombe), to seek Priest's orders, "a quovis." Same date. — Lit. dim.

Proxy (in large terms) to **J. de M.**, Clerk, in cause promoted by **Subdean Patton.** This was an appeal against a Papal decision "rescriptum apostolicum" obtained from Abbot of Kingswood, Pope's judex unicus, but delegating the Abbot of St. Aug., Bristol. Glastonbury, 12 Kal. Oct., 1320. — Procuratorium Jo. de Middleton in Causâ int. Epum. et Subdec.

A like **Proxy to Nic. de Bath**, Clerk. Evercreech, same day.

Bp.'s Certificate of Purgation. Hen. de Aston, Vic. of B., being charged (1) with incontinence, (2) non-residence, and (3) with breach of the pipe which carries water through St. Mary Redclive chapel-yard to St. John's Hospital (for which a general excommunication was published), has purged himself of all charges, and **stands absolved.** Glastonbury, 12 Kal. Oct., 1320. — Lit. absolutoria Vicario de Bedeminstre.

Fol. 130*b*.

Bp. to Master and Brethren of St. John's, &c. **Licence** to their workmen to **enter chapel-yard of St. Mary, Redcliff**, and mend broken pipes; any inhibition from chapel authorities notwithstanding. Same date. — Concessio Mgro. Pauperum S. Jo. Bristoll. pro canali reparando.

To P. Pyk, Rect. of Kingsdon, for one year at Oxon. Everereech, Kal. Oct. — Lic. Stud.

Patent appointing Sir J. de C. **Seneschal**, "de omnibus terris episcopatus;" all bailiffs and tenants to answer him. Evercreech, St. Matt. Day, 1320. — Comm. J. de Clybedon Senescalli Epi.

Bp. to the Reeves and Tenants of the Manor inherited by **Sir Matt. de Clybedon** in **Yeobilton.** He has made Jo. de Pucklechurch **Guardian of it whilst in Bp.'s hands**; all to obey. Hyndon, Sept. 24, 14 Ed. II. — Une Commission faite, &c. (*French.*)

Comm. in Processu cont. W. dudum possessioni incumbent.

Bp. to two Canons. Hear (1) the cause promoted ex officio, and also by parishioners, against Walter, long in possession of **Rect. of Hardington,** also (2) the matters detected on visitation.

Hynedon, 10 Kal. Oct., 1320.

Fol. 131*a*.

[*Sheet misplaced.*]

Lic. concess. Rect. de Baggeborough.

MEM.—**Will. de Bath, Rect. of B., to visit** Shrine of **S. James,** *i.e.*, of Compostella, and others of the Saints, pursuant to vow. To return by St. John B. Day.[a] Providing for duties.

Chew, Non. Feb., 1319.

[a] About four months. A short period for such a pilgrimage, unless by special ship provided for a company of devotees to and fro.

Comm. fact. super Purgatione.

Bp. to three Canons. "Admit to purgation, 'cum complemento[b] justitiæ,' in Cathedral, **Jo. Tyx,** of Whitelackington, charged with foul crime and larceny. Failing appearance or clearance, do what right demands, and report to Bp."

Banwell, Jan. 1, 1319.

[b] *i.e*, with a company of compurgators apportioned to the requirements of the case.

Lit. direct. Ballivo de Wells. (*French.*)

Bp. to his Bailiff of Wells (who had charge of Bp.'s Prison). In view of his purgation, admonish **Jo. Tyx** to be present before our Commissioners in the Cathedral. Same date.

Comm. fait. Jo. de Barton.

Bp. to all tenants, free or bond, of the Manors of **Wells, Woky, Westbury, Ebercreech.** "John of the Barton is appointed **Bailiff** of these Manors. We bid you acknowledge him. He is also attorned to guard our Franchise ('Libertas') as former bailiffs." Banwell, Jan. 3, 13 Ed. II. (*i.e.*, 1320).

Comm. in Neg. Jo. de Eton et Sibillae Bause.[c]

Bp. to three Canons. To hear and determine cause touching arrest of Wagon of **Tithe-hay,** with four oxen, contrary to the Church's Liberty, promoted by Rect. of **High Littleton** against **Sibilla Bause,** her sons and servants. Chew, 6 Id. Feb., 1319.

[c] The family of Bayouse or de Bayeux held, *inter alia*, one of the Manors of Backwell, which bears their name still.

A later Commission added a fourth Commissary.

MEM.—**Bp. manumitted W. and N.** (? of Manor of Chew), with leave to proceed to Holy Orders. If they should attain Priesthood, their services to be due to the See. Manumissio Walteri et Nich. Attehulle.

Chew, Id. Feb., 1319.

MEM.—**Hen. de Furneaux,** Pr., admitted Rect. of **Ashington,** vice Tho. Heryng. Pat., Simon de Furneaux. Inst. de Astynton.

Yatton, 14 Kal. March.

Archd. Wells to induct. Ind.

MEM.—**Appointment** of J. C., Valettus, as **Bailiff** of **Chew, Yatton, Congresbury,** and **Wyke,** Manors. Banwell, Aug., 1319. Comm. Jois. de Champflur Ball.

MEM.—**John de Bere,** Clerk, in first tonsure, admitted to Rect. of **Bere** (Crocombe), vice Tho. de la Slo, resigned. Pat., Margaret Malherbe. One year's license to study granted. (*See* p. 145.) Inst. Eccl. de Bere.

Blackford, 3 Kal. March, 1319.

MEM.—**Adam Ingolf** inst. to **Swell Chantry.** Pat., Sir H. de L'Orty. (*See* fol. 130*a*.) Wyveliscombe, 3 Non. March, 1319. Adm. Cantariae de Swelle.

MEM.—**Nich. de Kynemereford,** Pr., inst. Rect. of **Newton S. Lo.** Pat., Sir Jo. de S. Lo. Id. March, 1319. Inst. Newton de S. Laudo.

Archd. Bath to induct. Ind.

Bp. to Walkelin, Rect. of Chedzoy, and Gilbert, Rect. of Gothill, giving them charge of the Goods on the Probate-Inventory till the Executors take out Administration. Copy of Inventory to be sent to Bp. (*See* fol. 128*b*.) Lit. pro custodia bonorum Will. de Montracuto, &c.

Wyveliscombe, 7 Kal. April, 1320.

MARG. NOTE.—On 12 Kal. May, at widow's instance, Bp. committed to the two Rectors custody of all the goods for purposes of will.

Fol. 132*a*, *b*.

Schedule of vacant benefices in Diocese reserved by Pope, with value (as taken 1292) annexed.

From Dec. 8, 1316, to Dec. 8, 1317, 17 benefices.
, „ 8, 1317 „ 8, 1318, 22 „
„ „ 8, 1318 „ 8, 1319, 46 „

Fol. 133*a*.

Certificatorium Rigaudi de Asserio de Ben. vacant.

Bp. to R. de A., Pope's Collector of Firstfruits, reciting R.'s Mandate of Feb., 1319 (which required Schedule of vacant benefices, showing dates, &c.), and certifying the above Schedule as verified by his Register. Wyveliscombe, 24 March, 1319–20.

Inst. de Clopton.

MEM.—**Walter de Boleye**, Pr., inst. Rect. of **Clapton in Gordano**, vice John Arthur, resigned. Pat., Will. Arthur, of Clapton. Sterte, near Babcary, 13 Kal. April, 1319.

Ind.

Bath.

Lic. Stud.

MEM.—**Robt.**, Rect. of **Hawkridge and Withypool**, one year, Oxon. Wyveliscombe, 2 Kal. April, 1320.

Lic. habend. Cantariam.

To **Alex. Huscarl**[a] to have Chantry served by his own Priest in his oratory in **Esthrop** Manor-house, **Bruton** Parish, "super altari portatili benedicto;" saving rights of parish Church.

Same date.

[a] This family, with its purely Saxon name, flourished in the fourteenth century on a small estate, the name of which survives to designate an extra-parochial portion of Bruton. The family and house had but a short existence. The Bruton Cartulary shows that the Huscarls rendered suit at the Prior's manorial courts, and witnessed charters. The super-altar was a portable slab, consecrated.

Lic. conc. Jo. de Bruton.

Bp. to Canon B. Whilst engaged as Chancellor in Abp.'s Court, he is excused from residence at Wells as Can. and Treasurer. Wyveliscombe, March 23, 1319–20.

Fol. 136*b*.

Bulla Conservationis Ordinis de Monte Carmel.

Pope John to Abp. of Cant., and to Bps. of London and Bath. "The Prior and Brethren are grievously persecuted in various places, not in France. You are to be their Conservators and 'Judices,' to protect them with ecclesiastical censures, anywhere save France, 'non obstante' any Canon against encroachment of jurisdiction." Avignon, Kal. May, 3rd of Pont.

Fol. 134*a*.

[*Sheet headed* A.D. 1320, *incip.*]

Bp. to Abp. Grants **collation of Treasurership** on Canon Bruton's resignation. Wyveliscombe, 2 Non. April, 1320. Comm. fact. Archiepo. ad conferend. Thes. Well.

King. Ed. II. to Bp. Recites Hen. II.'s Charter,[a] confirmed by Popes and Abps., freeing the Church of S. Mary "cum insulis suis," and seven of its Churches, from all episc. jurisdiction. **Warns Bp.** to respect the privilege, as now confirmed. Breve regium pro Libertati Eccl. Jurisdict. Glaston.

Rochester, March 2, ann. xiij (1320).

[a] *See* Wilkins, "Concil.," Vol. I, for text; Dug. "Mon.," Vol. I, p. 62. The relation of the See to the Abbey was altered by the union of the See and the Abbacy, and again at the Disunion, 1218.

Fol. 134*b*.

MEM.—**Bp.** collated **Walter de Bedwyn**, Pr., to **Stall**, late Ferniband's. Wyveliscombe, Kal. April. Coll. Canonic.

Dean. End.

Bp. to Hen. de **Ydesworth**, Advocate in Arches Court. Salary of 5 mks., payable "de camerâ," whilst practising. Pensio. ann.

Wyveliscombe, Non. April, 1320.

Power of Attorney to Ric. de Notyngham to appear with Bailiff of Wells (Barton) at **King's Exchequer**, touching the Sheriff's (Somt. and Gloucester) Proffer[b] and Audit, and in absence of Bailiff to maintain Bp.'s Franchise. Comm. fact.

Wyveliscombe, 1320, end of March.

[b] This was the preliminary sheet submitted by the Sheriffs to the Barons, for correction in view of audit. The Bp.'s franchise, as Lord of five Hundreds, was specially liable to encroachment by the Sheriffs.

MEM.—To Tho. de Upton, Rect. of Donyate, Pr., for one year at Oxon, at request of Lady de Montacute. Lic. Stud.

Wyveliscombe, April, 1320.

Robt. Hildebrand, Acol., inst. Rect. of **Cucklington**, vice Forneaux. Pat., Sir H. de L'Orti. Wyveliscombe, 5 Id. April. Inst. Eccl. de Cokelyngton.

Archd. Wells. End.

Inst. Bp. to **Will. de Quenton**, Pr., instituting him to Rect. of **Tolland**, vice Gilbert de Quenton, resigned. Pat., Prior of St. Jo. of Jerus., by Proctor. Wyveliscombe, 4 Id. April, 1320.

Fol. 135*a*.

Lit. dim. MEM.—To **Will. Glydeford**, Rect. of **Yarlington**, to seek Priest's orders, "a quovis." 3 Non. March, 1014–15.

Lit. testimon. Ordinis. MEM.—**Bp.'s Certificate. Peter de Condray**, Pr., a Poitevin, has proved before him by sworn witnesses that he was promoted **to all orders** by Peter, Bp. of Exeter, acting for Bp. Burnel of Wells, and by "lit. dim." from Bp. of Poitou. 1314–15.

Procuratorium dimissionis faciend. de Eccl. Alyngton. **Proxy given by Dean Godleigh**, as Rect. of Alington, to Walter Hill, Clerk, and Steph. Wynneferthing to **renounce**[a] **the Benefice** pursuant to the Constit. "Execrabilis" of Pope John XXII., "contra plurales." Proctor to appear before Bp. as ordinary.
Wells, 16 Kal. March, 1317.

[a] "dimittere" is the word, borrowed probably from the Papal Const.

Dimissio Ecclae. Form of **Renunciation** made by Proctor in Bp.'s presence.

NOTE.—This Renunciation was made at Pirbright, Feb. 16, 1317, in Bp.'s camera, by Steph. Wynnefarthing, with many witnesses (named).

Fol. 135*b*.

Dimissio fact. de Eccl. Aston Clynton. MEM.—At Pirbright Chapel, before Bp. and some of same Witnesses, and under same Constitution, **Will. Gasselin**, Rect. of Aston Clinton (Lincoln Diocese) and of **Street**, renounced A. C. and elected to retain S., saving a conditional right of returning to A. C. Feb. 17, 1317.

Lit. testimonalis de Aylington ad instanc. Decani. **Certificate** of all proceedings in the **Alington** matter gathered from the other side, and furnished to Dean.
Wyveliscombe, 3 Kal. Aug., 1319.

Fol. 136*a*.

Collationes beneficiorum, Inst. et Litt. diversæ. A.D. 1312.

Bp. to R. Bp. of London. "Having collated **Hen. de Staunton to the Stall of Sh.** in our Cathedral, we beg you to admit him to the Prebend lying in London Diocese." Coll. Preb. de Shaldford.

Esthampsted, Kal. Jan. 1312–13.

Bp. R. of London to Dean of Wells. Mandate to install H. de S. Install. et Ind.

MEM.—To Rect. of Kingston (Seymour), for two years' study, at Matth. de Clyvedon's request. Lic. Stud.

MEM.—**Walter de Hanlo** collated to **Stall**, late Blibury's. Coll. Canonic.

Canington, 16 Kal. March, 1312–13.

Licence to John de Foxlee, &c., to **hold Assizes**, with Gaol-delivery and Administration of Oaths, in Lent, within Diocese. Lic. conc. Justiciariis Regis. pro Assisis.

Wells, March 4, 1312–13.

Bp. to the Lady Margaret de Mortimer, as Patron of **St. John's Hospital**, Bridgwater, certifying to her that, after examination, he has **confirmed** the Master elect and invested him with spiritualties; begs that she will release to him the temporals. Lit. direct. Patronis Hospitii de Brug. ad liberand. temporalia.

Wells, 5 Non. March, 1312–13.

Bp. to Hen. de Stanford, Master of St. John's, Bridgwater. Letter of Institution. Same date. Institt. electi confirmati.

MEM.—Will. de Edington, Rect. of Bawdrip, deputed to induct into corporal possession of the spiritual goods [*i.e.*, tithes and oblations]. Same date. Ind. electi in bonis spiritualibus.

Fol 136*b*.

Bp. to Will., Vicar of Kingston. Commission (full text) to act for Bp. in his reserved cases, "in foro penitentiali," for the Dean of Taunton; specially to monish Regulars, Rectors, and Lit. Penitent.

lay nobles, whatever Dispensations they hold, to come to Bp. once a year to reveal their soul's state, and to fulfil his wholesome monitions. Wells, 5 Non. March, 1312–13.

Like Letter to Vicar of Compton, for Deanery of Axbridge.
" " Frome " Frome.
" " Wayford " Crewkerne.
" " Cary " Cary.

Lic. Stud. MEM.—Tho. de Lyonnis, Rect. of Hinton Bluet, Sub-deac., for one year. Same date.

Commenda de Mapreton. MEM.—Parish Church of Maperton commended to Nich. de Wandon, Pr.; the revenues to repair Rectorial house.
Glastonbury, 4 Non. March.

Inst. de Capellae de Orchard. MEM.—Eberic de Orchard inst. Rect. of Chapel of O. (Portman). Glastonbury, 3 Non. March.

Ind. Archd. of Taunt.

Litt. dim. MEM.—To Will. de St. Albin, Rect. of West Lydford, to seek all orders "a quovis." Same date.

Manumissio. John Sleg of Banwell Manor; manumission made to Nich. Mark, at request of Prior of Bath.
Claverton, 4 Kal. March, 1312–13.

Manumissio. Simon de Poulesham, at request of Dean of Wells.
Blackford, Feb. 13.

Legitimatio Will. Poynz. MEM.—At Imber (near Warminster), on journey to London for Parliament, Dispensation for Illegitimacy granted to W. P. of Bridgwater, Acol. 4 Id. March, 1312–13.
Repeated fol. 139*a*.

Inst. MEM.—Robt. de Espeney, Deac., inst. Vicar of Milverton.
Id. March.

Ind. Dean of Wells to induct.

On interleaf, the other half of which appears at p. 148, is an Award made by Bp. Bytton, August, 1255, at Curry Malet,

between Sir Will. de Montacute and Will. Rector of Donyate, both parties having bound themselves to accept it.

1. Touching Sir William's manorial chapel. His chaplain is to celebrate, but not for the dependents, nor to the damage of the mother-church or its dues, on pain of suspension of licence. He is to be sworn to the Rector.
2. The Rector to have pasture for ten head of cattle, and run for ten swine in the park, free of pannage, as before the enclosure.

Fol. 137*a*.

Comm. super detentione Cancellariae Wells.

Bp. to two Canons. Commission to hear the cause, moved "ex officio, per viam notorii," against Will. de Luggor, so-called **Chancellor of Cathedral.** Frome, 6 Id. March, 1312–13.

Lit. ad citand. Cancell. Well.

Bp. to Dean. "In late Visitation it was found that the four Dignities were sacerdotal. The Chancellor is no Priest. **Cite him** to our Consistory before Palm Sunday." Same date.

Visitatio fact. Bathon. et subseq.

MEM.—In second year of consecration, Friday after St. Peter in Cath. (Feb. 22), **Bp. visited Bath Priory.** After the opening forms, and propounding[a] the Word of God, he pronounced Excommunication upon all who withheld the Truth (*see* below).

[a] This pious form of recognizing the sovereignty of God's Will, is still in use. It consists in reading a chosen passage of the Bible.

MEM.—Thursday after Ash Wednesday. **He visited D. and C. of Wells.**

MEM.—Monday after Ash Wednesday. **He visited Abbey of Glastonbury,** and uttered same sentence.

Monitio fact. vice visitationum pro dicendâ veritate, &c.

"Since, owing to the illicit oaths of secrecy, made to defeat correction, the truth cannot be detected, we now warn you that all such devices are unlawful. We annul and recall such oaths, and pronounce Excommunication (reserving Absolution to ourselves) on all who have joined in them, or refuse to answer our inquiry."

This barren visitation of the Capitular Bodies and the Great Abbey began—

At Bath, Friday after St. Peter, Feb. 22
„ Wells, Thursday after Ash Wednesday } 1311.
„ Glastonbury, Monday after Ash Wednesday

The Bp., finding the inquiry baulked by oaths of secrecy, concerted apparently between the three bodies, limited the proceedings to breaking down the illegal barrier. The monition was in part successful, as evidenced in the citation of Chancellor Luggor to answer for defaults found in a recent visitation of Wells, *i.e.*, in 1312 or early in 1312–13.

Fols. 137*b*, 138*a*.

[*Left blank ? for Visitation Proceedings.*]

Fol. 138*b*.

Lic. Stud. To Will. de St. Albin, Rect. of West Lydford, for one year at Oxon. April, 1313.

Lic. Stud. To John Gonny, Rect. of Chelworth, for one year at Oxon. April, 1313.

Comm. in Causâ Rect. de Canington. **Bp. to Dean and two Canons.** Commission to hear and determine two causes pending in Bp.'s Court; (1) Against **Henry, Vic. of Canington**; (2) Sibilla de Asche *v.* Lawrence Atte Grange. The processes transmitted. Walworth, 4 Non. April, 1313.

Comm. fact. Dec. in cā. matrimonii cujus vendicabit cognitionem pro prebendali. **Bp. to Dean.** "For greater speed, parties being poor, determine the case pending before our Commissaries, of Alice Ponge, of Long Sutton,[a] *v.* Walter le Waller. The process to be handed to you." Kal. April, 1813.

[a] Long Sutton was a prebendal peculiar, in which the Dean claimed original jurisdiction. The Bp. shirks the Dean's claim by commissioning him to hear a pending cause, opened before Bp.'s commissaries.

Inst. de Assholte. MEM.—**Simon Savage**, Clerk, inst. **Rect. of Asholt.** Pat., Jo. de Membury. The patronage was contested in "curiâ regis,"

and apparently a suit in Abp.'s Court, between Simon and another presentee, was released by the Court for purposes of this institution.

Ind. by Archd. Taunt.

Will. de Esdon, Clerk, collated to Stall, late **Will. de Esdon's**. 2 Non. April, 1313. Coll. Canonic.

Dean to induct.

MEM.—I. de Oxon, Rect. of Rode, for one year. Lic. Stud.

MEM.—**Will. Brd.**, Pr. Pat., Sub-dean Yatton. March 27, 1313. Inst. Vic. de Woky.

Ind. Dean of Wells. Ind.

MEM.—**John de Brugge**, Pr., inst. Vicar of **Muchelney**. Pat., Abbot. March 29, 1313. Inst.

Archd. of Wells. Ind.

Fol. 139*a*.

Bp. of Lincoln to Bp., when about to stay in his Diocese, empowering him, "paterno animo," to **consecrate the oil**, and compound **Chrism** on Maunday Thursday. Lit. benedic. Oleum, et Chrisma confic. Die Coenae.

Edelinton, March 27, 1313.

Bp. to Rich. de Gloucester, Advocate in Arches Court. **Grant** of 5 mks. per ann. Greenwich, March 21, 1312–13. Pensio ann.

To **Tho. de Teffont**, Proctor in Arches Ct., 4 **mks.**, "de Camerâ." London, Jo. of Cross. Pensio ann.

Duplicate. (*See* above, 136*a*.) Legitimatio.

MEM.—To Walter Uphill, of Ashwyk, to seek all holy orders, "a quovis," given a title. Greenwich, 6 Non. May, 1313. Lit. dim.

MEM.—Bp. paid 5 mks. to Gilb. de E., as his salary; also to Tho. de Teffont. May, 1313. Solutio V mk. pens. G. de Eyton.

MEM.—**Ralph de Sloutre**, Pr., inst. Vic. of **Timberscombe**. Pat., the Prebendary. Same date. Inst.

Dean of Wells. Ind.

Pensio ann. Hen. de Staunton. **Bp. to Hen. de S., King's Justiciar,** granting him, of special favour, £10, "de camerâ," until beneficed in Cathedral. Greenwich, May, 1813.

Pensio ann. Will. Pollard artis Medicinae Mgro. **Bp. to W. P.,** granting 5 mks., "de camerâ," "that he look to our business the better," at instance of Countess of Richmond. Same date.

MEM.—Bp. gave leave to Philip, **Rect. of West Coker,** to sue the Prior of Lodre for **Incarceration,** before King's Justices at Somerton.[a]

[a] Was the Prior's offence the obtaining sentence against a Priest? If so, how could it be punishable in the King's Court?

Fol. 139*b*.

Coll. Canonicat. MEM.—**Bp. collated Ralph de Windsor,** Clerk, to **Stall,** late Hanlo's. London, Id. April.

Ind. Dean to induct.

Manumissio Hen. de la Haye. MEM.—Bp. **manumitted** to Canon Bruton, John de la Hagh, serf of Wells manor. Greenwich, 6 Id. May, 1313.

Lit. Penitent. MEM.—**Tho. de Benhangre,** Cathedral Vicar, to be Bp.'s Penitentiary, vice Firmay, deceased. Same date.

Inst. Vic. de Mynehebed. MEM.—**Gilbert Pyro,** Pr., inst. to Vic. of **Minehead.** Pat., Prior of Bruton. Canterbury, 10 Kal. June, 1313.

Ind. Archd. Taunton.

Inst. Vic. de Bunsterre. MEM.—**Tho. Cote,** Pr., inst. Vic. of **Dunster.** Pat., Prior of Bruton (mistake for Bath). Greenwich, June, 1313.

Ind. Archd. Taunton.

[*Six next entries same date.*]

Inst. Vic. de Modeford. MEM.—**John de Bokhampton,** Pr., inst. Vic. of **Mudford.** Pat., D. and C., Wells.

Archd. Wells.

Lic. Stud. Rich. de Ford, Rect. of Bradford, for one year.

MEM.—**Jo. de Jary** (or Yary) inst. Rect. of **Stockland-Bristol.** Inst. Eccl. de Stocklonde.

Archd. of Wells to induct.

[*No patrons inserted for some space.*]

MEM.—**Will. de Milton**, Pr., inst. Vic. of **Milton** (probably Clevedon). Inst. V. de Mylton.

Wells to induct.

MEM.—**Robt. de Hewyk**, Sub-deac., inst. Rect. of **Wanstrow.** Inst. Eccl. de Wondestre.

Archd. Wells to induct. Ind.

MEM.—**Rich. de Cumpton**, Clerk, inst. Rect. of **Sutton-juxta-Cadbury.** Inst. Eccl. de Sutton.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

MEM.—**Will. de Dychton**, inst. Vic. of **N. Petherton.** Dogmersfield, 4 Non. Aug. Inst. Vic. N. Pederton.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

MEM.—To Adam, called Gilbert of Freshford, to seek orders, "a quovis," given title. Evercreech, Id. Aug. Lit. dim.

MEM.—**Will de Aula**, Clerk, son of a Priest, dispensed from illegitimacy "per bullam." Erchfont, 4 Id. Aug. Dispens. sup. def. natal.

MEM.—**Nic. de Wabyndon**, Pr., inst. to Rect. of **Maperton** (Proxy). Same date. Inst. de Mapreton.

Archd. Wells to induct. Ind.

To Rich. Karkeney, Rect. of Sparkford, for one year. Same date. Lic. Stud.

Fol. 140*a*.

Grant from Bp. to J. R. and wife (for life of each) of **land in Congresbury Manor**, held in villainage by Rog. Attepille, and a pasture on yearly tenancy at 45*s.* per annum, "pro omni Carta Jo. Randolf de terra apud Congresbury.

demandâ." Survivor, if dying within thirty years, to devise the remaining term. London, 7 Ed. II.

Test., Jo. and Mat. de Clyvedon, Jo. de Sutton, Jo. de Beauchamp, Steph. Delamore, Knights; Rich. Rodney, W. de Scoville, John Fitzpayne, &c. London, 7 Ed. II.

Lic. Stud. MEM.—Everic de Orchard, Rect. of O., for one year.
B.-water, Kal. Oct., 1313.

MEM.—Will. de Hampton, Rect. of Badgworth, for one year.
Same date.

Inst. de Cumbhaweye. **John de Montfort** inst. Rect. of **Combehay.**
Wells, Non. Sept., 1313.

Ind. Archd. Wells.

Lic. Stud. Will. de Pykesleigh, Rect. of Backwell, for three years.
Rockborne, 1311.

Rog. de Pykesleigh, Rect. of Weston-super-Mare, for three years. London, 1311.

John, Prior of Taunton, having pleaded to Bp. disability through age, the Bp. (with assent of Prior and Brethren) appoints Rog. Terry as **Sub-prior,** "in spiritualibus, et administratione eorum;"[a] Rog. de Hertecomb as **Coadjutor** in temporals,[b] and Canon Culmestock to watch over the offices of cellarer and cook.
Taunton, Kal. Sept., 1313.

[a] *i.e.*, in management of the rectorial properties, charged with spiritual duties, and under spiritual jurisdiction.

[b] *i.e.*, manorial and other properties of lay fee.

Coll. Cancell. Well. Eccl. MEM.—Bp. collated **Rich. de Drokensford,** as **Chancellor,** vice Loggor, deceased. Greenwich, 8 Kal. Dec.

Dean to instal.

Fol. 140*b*.

Inst. Eccl. de Est. Doulych. MEM.—**Adam de Sanford** inst. Rect. of **East Dowlish.**
Hartley, 17 Kal. Oct., 1313.

Ind. Archd. Taunton.

To John de Torinton, Rect. of Chaffcombe, to seek orders, "a quovis." Same date. Lit. Dim.

Bp. appoints Canon Penkridge, and under him, Mich. de Eston, Rect. of Erchfont, his **Receiver of all monies** accruing "de temporalitate nostrâ in diocesi;" also all perquisites and proventus of all kinds in diocese, with canonical coercion of defaulters, and arrest of persons as well as goods, "quatenus de consuetudine regni licebit." Evercreech, 6 Id. Sept., 1313.

MEM.—**Ralph de Brueredo** inst. to Chapel (with Cure) of St. Margaret, **Babington.** Greenwich, prid Kal. Oct. Inst. Cap. de Babyngton.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

MEM.—**Tho. de Brandon** inst. Rect. of **Seabington.** London, 6 Non. Oct., 1313. Inst. Eccl. de Sebenhampton.

Archd. Taunton.

Bp. remits to **Rect. of Combehay** a demand for which he had issued sequestration; his officers are not to proceed. Same date. Lit. Remissionis Rect. de Cumbhaweye.

Bp. to Tho. de Dylington, S.T.P., and **Canon Bruton.** Comm. fact. "Being summoned to Parlt., with diocesan business to detain us in London for long time, we commit to you the continuation of our visitation of regulars and seculars, empowering you to enquire, correct, and deprive, 'quatenus de jure nobis incumbit.' We will uphold you as far as justice warrants."

Evercreech, 7 Id. Sept., 1313.

Stitched on is a torn scrap of parchment endorsed, **Visitatio Jurisd. Glaston.** It is headed "Apud Eccl. de Strete," and runs in the Commissary's name (Bruton). The inquiry embraces seven churches, but apparently the incumbents' *exhibits* only, *i.e.*, Letters of orders, institution, &c., they being under the Abbey for Archidiaconal inquiry into *conduct.* The **Rector of Street** is found holding an incompatible plurality. No other important entry. For most of the Churches "Abbas respondet" is the one entry.

Stitched on also, is the Proxy of **Will. Gascelyn**, Rect. of **Street**, empowering J. de Street to act for him in resigning his benefice, executed before Notary in Walton Chapel.

Nov., 1308, *i.e.*, under Bp. Walter.

Fol. 141*a*.

Lic. Stud. To Rect. of Wanstrow (Herdwyk) for one year.

Oct., ann. quarto.

Inst. de Lymington. **Robt. de Beauchamp**, Acol., inst. Rect. of **L.** One year's study granted. Greenwich, Nov. 7, 1313.

Inst. de Loxton. MEM.—**Bp.** collated **Adam de R . . . ton**, Rect. of **L.** (lapse). Same date.

Ind. Archd. Wells to sequestrate for repairs of House and office-books.

Inst. Vic. de Were. **Walter de Sandford**, Pr., inst. Vic. of **Weare.** Same date.

Ind. Archd. Wells.

Inst. de Orchardleigh. **Will. de Selwode**, Clerk, inst. Rect. of **O.** Same date.

Ind. Archd. Wells to induct, sequestrating for repairs found needful on survey.

Inquis. sup. Vacatione Custod. Hosp. S. Trin. de Alba Aula. **Archd. of Wells** to hold inquiry touching vacancy of "custodia" of **White Hall Nunnery, Ilchester.**

London, Dec. 1, 1313.

Two Canons are commissioned to admit the Presentee if the inquiry should make in her favor. Dec. 8.

See Hugo's "Nunneries," p. 18.

Pensio annua. **Grant to G. de Eyton**, Advocate in Arches Court, of 100*s.* per annum, "de camerâ," whilst serving the Bp. in the Court.

Pensio ann. To **Walter de Bedwynd**, £10, "de camerâ," until beneficed in the Cathedral. London, Dec., 1313.

MEM.—Bp. released Dean of his charge as custos of Hutton Church. Same date. Absolutio custod. Eccl. de Hutton.

Bp. to Tho. Alleway, his Bailiff of Wells. "Political troubles having hindered our residence hitherto, and so withdrawn our almsgiving and other duties, we now ordain for the rest of our episcopate that 40 of the poorest persons of Wells and Pucklechurch Bailiwicks, shall receive daily a silver farthing, or its value in food. Worn out priests to be admitted, and preference given to such of our serfs or widows as have been driven by poverty to throw up ('dimiserunt') their holdings and to beg. At Michaelmas, to such of the 40 as survive, 4*s.* is to be given for a cloak ('indumento'), hood and shoes ('solaribus'). We charge the succentors to oversee this distribution. The priests and other recipients are to offer specified devotions, as herein specified, regulated according to their ability." Ordinatio perp. Eleemos. faciend. per Diocesim.

Dogmersfield, 12 Kal. Jan., 1313.

Fol. 141*b*.

Like letter to Bailiff of Chew; Vicars of Congresbury and Yatton to oversee.

Like letter to Bailiff of Wellington; Vicars of Wellington and Wyveliscombe to oversee.

Like letter to Bailiff of Banwell; Vicars of Banwell and Cheddar to oversee.

Like letter to Bailiff of Kingsbury; Vicars of Kingsbury and Chard to oversee.

In each Bailiwick for same number.

Assuming that Wells and Pucklechurch were combined, there were five doles, feeding 200 daily. If W. and P. were treated as two doles, the receivers were 240.

To Jo. de Hardington, Sub-deac., for higher orders, "a quovis." Canterbury, 7 Kal. Dec., 1313. Lit. dim.

Fol. 147*a*.

[*The Paging omits five fols., but the entries seem to be continuous in date.*]

La Commission faite pour dower, &c. (*French.*)

Bp. to two Knights and three others, appointing them to deliver to the Lady Alice the land that belonged to Richard de Aston, her dower, in the Bp.'s Manor of **Aston, Isle of Wight.** Rockborne, Jan. 21, 7 Ed. II.

The lady, on coming of age, claimed seisin of the land held in wardship by Bp. as manorial lord.

Obligatio fact. Mercator. de Soc. Bardorum, de Florentiâ.

Bond to firm of Bardi **for** £150, **1 mark, due for cloth,** for the year's livery, payable at Pentecost. Wanton, Dec. 14, 1313.

Litt. testimon. ordinis, *i.e.*, **Certificates of orders** issued to five clergymen who had lost the evidence of their ordination ; given after inquiry by commission examining registers or (failing them) witnesses. Kingsbury, Kal. Feb., 1313–14.

The registers of the Bp.'s two predecessors were, it appears, now in the Bp.'s hands, but neither here nor elsewhere does there seem to have been a registry office or systematic registration. The work of recording episcopal acts was probably done by one chaplain and another, hence the great variety of writing and arrangement.

Lit. obligatoria Eroribus Tho. de Luggor, Cancell.

Bp.'s Bond to Chancellor's executors to pay £21 for corn stored in rectorial barton in Kingsbury (impropriate to the Chancellorship), the Bp. having bought it. Feb., 1313–14.

Acquietancia dict. Eroribus pro litt., &c.

Bp.'s Receipt to executors for £40, paid in re-fund of costs of suit against late Chancellor (to dispossess him as disqualified), and for £20 for **dilapidations** of Chancel-books and houses at Kingsbury and Wells. Bp. guarantees them against claims from Chapter, and from the new Chancellor, his youthful kinsman ("germanus"), whose affairs he conducted. (*See* fol. 140.)

Fol. 147*b*.

Lit. Hug. Pencriz. sup. dict. negot.

Proposals of Canon P. accepted by Luggor's executors, **for sale of his farming-stock** on Kingsbury Glebe to Bp., and for final settlement. No date.

MEM.—**Licence to A. de H.** to erect within **Wyke**[a] Manor-house a **super-altar**, consecrated, upon wooden tabula, for her family and a paralytic, Robt. Molyns, and no other parishioners of **Milborne Port.** Grant for life, if not revoked ; Chaplain sworn to respect parish Church. Non. Feb., 1313–14. Lic. conc. Aliciae de Horsted habere oratorium.

[a] Milborne Wick, in Milborne.

Fol 148*a*.

MEM.—**Jo. de Bereford**, Pr., proved from register his three ordinations, and had **certificate.** Also, William of South Petherton, Acol. Kingsbury, 3 Non. Feb. Lit. testimon. ordinum.

MEM.—**Adam de Pykelsleigh**, Acol., inst. Rect. of **Hutton,** with litt. dim. for Deacon's orders, and one year's study. Same date. Inst. Eccl. de Hutton.

MEM.—Commission to induct **Jo. de Ammyngford** to Chantry of **C. F.**, if Commissary should find inquiry prove favourable to patron and presentee. Same date. Cantaria de Combe Flory.

MEM.—Pursuant to King's brief, **Bp. commissions Archd. of Taunt.** and Dr. Dylington to go to Canyngton,[b] to cite the Nuns and others on Bp.'s authority, and make inquiry demanded by King, warning **G. de Burenthorne** and wife to be present, if they would speed their business. Hynedon, 8 Id. Feb. Comm. pro Rad. Geffrey de Bourhenton.

[b] *See* Hugo, p. 124. This was some property question in which the Bp.'s part was only citation. Burenthorne is a mistake for Bower-hinton in Bridgwater.

To Rich. de Cumpton, Rect. of Sutton-Montagu, Acol., to seek Sub-deac.'s orders. Same date. Lit. dim.

To Will. de Selwode, Rect. of Orchardleigh, to seek same, "a quovis." Ambresbury, 7 Id. Feb. Lit. dim.

MEM.—**Will. de Modeford**, Pr., inst. Rect. of **Tintinhull.** Pat., Prior of Montacute, by Commissaries. Ashe, 4 Id. Feb. Inst. Eccl. de Tyntenhull.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

Fol. 148*b*.

Inst. Vic. de Mertok. Ind.

Will. le Hunte, inst. Vic. of **M.** Same date.
Archd. Wells.

Lic. Stud.

MEM.—Hen. de Lisle, Rect. of Harptre, for one year at Oxon. Same date.

Lit. testimon. Ric. Grim rectato (*charged*) de morte Jo. Erle.

Certificate from Bp., as Keeper of late King's Wardrobe, that R. G. had a **pardon**, written in the books of the office, from King for J. E.'s death, and that he was employed by the King in his Flanders war, 5th and 6th years of reign.

Inst. Capell. de Est Lambrok.

John de Weston, Clerk, inst. to **E. L. Chapel.**
Pirbright, 3 Id. Feb.

Chancellor of Wells or his Vice-gerent to induct.

Lic. pro Assisis.

Licence (in usual terms) to J. de Foxle, &c., to **hold assizes** and gaol-delivery at Somerton during Lent.
Greenwich, 10 Kal. March, 1313–14.

Lit. Citationis ad cit. Tho. de Columbrigg.

Bp. to Archdeacon's Official. "Will. de Grindenham being presented to **Rect. of Kidford**, we bade you inquire, in full Chapter (of R.D.), 'de vacatione;' the inquiry having failed, **cite T. de C.**, who is in possession, to answer to our Commissaries why Adam de Appelegh should not be admitted. T. de C. holds Lydeard, acquired subsequently to Kidford. Report to us."
Greenwich, 9 Kal. March.

Comm. ad proced. in dict. causâ.

MEM.—Comm. to **Bp.'s Official** (Bradney) to proceed.
Bruton, 5 Non. March.

Resign. de Lyddeford.

T. de C. resigned, "ad opus" (in favour of) A. de A.
Milverton, 2 Non. March.

NOTE.—Deed under Archd. seal deposited in "phylacio" in dupl.

Inst. et Ind.

A. de Appelegh, inst. Rect. of **Kidford.**
Wynkaulton, 13 Kal. April, 1313–14.

MEM.—Tho. de Hardinton, Clerk, to seek, "a quovis," all higher orders (given title). Bruton, 6 Non. March. Lit. dim.

Bp. to Official of Taunton Archdeaconry. "Robt. de Briz is presented by Mich. de Cruket to Estham Chapel (Crewkerne Par.). On inquiry, 'super vacatione,' Richard (in possession) was shown to have forfeited by not procuring Priest's orders, 'intra ann., juxta canones.' Cite Richard before us to say why he should not be removed, and the presentee instituted." Lit. Citationis.

Same date.

MEM.—Jo. de Erdeburgh, Capell., inst. to Rect. of H. Rockborne, 16 Kal. April. Inst. de Horsington.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

MEM.—Matth. de Gothurst, Pr., admitted Vic. of Sutton (Long S.-by-Martock). Salton, 5 Non. March. Inst. de Sutton.

Dean of Wells. Ind.

Fol. 149*a*.

[*Mixed dates.*]

MEM.—John de Lacock, Pr., admitted to the Commenda, for six months, of Whatley Church, for the evident benefit of the Church. Pat., Hen. de Bohun. London, 14 Kal. June. Commend. Eccl. de Whateleigh.

Bp. to Philip, Clerk, son of Andrew Papiti of Florence, inst., under papal dispensation of nonage, to Rect. of Meriett. Pat., King, by wardship of heir of Jo. de Meryett; a vicar to be nominated till full age of the boy rector. Inst. Eccl. de Meriet.

London, 11 Kal. June, 1313.

Archd. of Taunt. Ind.

NOTE.—"Pater presentati comparuit." He probably was the Proxy inducted.

Fol. 149*b*.

MEM.—Bp. wrote to Prioress of C., allowing her, in spite of the general prohibition of boarders, to admit the Lady Dyonisia Peverell to board "perhendinandum." at her own cost, during Bp.'s pleasure. Kingsbury, 8 Kal. April, 1313. Lit. transmissa Priorissae de Canyngton.

Later Insertions. Jurament. de Alimentis.

MEM.—**Nich. Conde,** Pr., admitted to Rect. of **Loxton,** vice Tyntehull (resigned from old age); sworn to minister to late Rector in food and clothing for rest of days; in presence of two notaries.

Inst.

N. C. admitted[a] to Rect. of Loxton. Pat., Luke de Barroy. Kingsbury, 8 Kal. Nov., 1319 (*date in later hand*).

[a] *i.e.*, fully instituted by the Bp. in person, after the oath of obedience.

Coll. Eccl. de Roubergh.

MEM.—At instance of Sir J. de Erlee, **Bp. collated Will. de la Hyd,** Pr., to Rect. of **Rowberrow** (lapse).

Mem. pro Vicario de Westbury.

Minutes of **Arbitration by Bp.** at Westbury, 4 Id. Dec., 1321, in the Manor-house Hall. Richard Parker (the Bp.'s park-keeper probably) complains that **Geoffry, the Vicar,** had broken his promise to **provide suitable marriage** for his daughter, Juliana, by whom he had two children. Vicar acknowledged the offence, for which he had been corrected by Dean's Official, but denied the promise of reparation. The parties, after long wrangle, swore to abide Bp.'s award, viz., Vicar to pay 6 marks to parents to find a suitable marriage for Juliana, and 6 marks, at other dates, for her benefit; then to swear friendship and stop scandal.

Test., Dr. Brabazon; the Rector of Lympsham; a Notary, and others.

Fol. 150*a*.

Sentenc. generalis lata in violatores sequestri, &c.

Bp. to Rural Dean of Poulet. "The custody of the sequestrated[b] Rectories of **Puriton** and **Woollavington** we committed to W. de Osgodby, Clerk. He has been turned out of the rectory by violence of some unknown; Therefore, **denounce excommunication** in churches of the deanery, with full ceremony, and cite any known offenders to Wells Consistory."

Rockborne, 18 Kal. Sept., 1317.

[b] Impropriate to the alien Priory of Goldcliffe, to remedy whose negligence the revenues were intercepted by the Bp.

Lit. ad colligend. fructus Puriton, &c.

Bp. to Dean of Poulet. "W. de O., having been driven away, save the crops in rectorial barns; not to be touched on pain of excommunication; certify at Michaelmas." Same date.

MEM.—In Bp.'s Chapel, Banwell, the Bp. received the **Profession of four Nuns of Barrow,** with Imposition of hands. 13 Kal. Aug., 1317. Professio quorundam apud Barewe.

Of these, Joanna de Gournay was Prioress elect, but was disqualified till professed. *See* fol. 145*b* for her admission to office. Hugo, p. 11.

Fol. 150*b*.

Commission to Dean and Canon H. de Penkridge to accept resignations of **Matilda, Prioress-elect,** and of **Joanna de Bere,** appointed by Bp., and to take the submission of the House to his choice; thereupon to nominate a Sister as Prioress. Rockborne, Aug. 15, 1317. Comm. in neg. Provisionis alterius Prioríssae de Canyngton.

The whole of this business is detailed by Hugo, p. 21.

[*Four next entries entered at one time in one hand.*]

MEM.—**Rich. Bozon,** Cap., inst. Rect. of this Chapel. Pat., J. Sylven. Langport, 12 Kal. June. Inst. Capellae hermitagii de Rechych.[a]

[a] The forest called in later days Neroche, was described under various forms, *e.g.*, Rachych, Nerachist, Neracchich.

John de Farendon, Clerk, inst. Rect. of **North Barrow.** One year's study granted. Pat., Sir Rich. Lovel. Banwell, 10 Kal. Aug., 1317. Inst.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

Rich. de Morton, Pr., admitted to newly-ordained Vicarage of **Stockland.** (*See* fol. 106*a*.) No date. Inst. Vic. de Stokland.

Archd. of Taunt. Ind.

MEM.—**Michael,** son of **Mich. de Drokensford,** admitted Rect. of **Chedzoy.** Pat., Sir Simon de Montacute. Bereford, 5 Kal. Aug., 1317. Inst. et Ind. Chedeseye.

Bp. to his Priest, **Nic. de Minton,** collating him to Rect. of **Sampford Bret** (lapse). Kingsbury, 17 Kal. Nov., 1317. Inst. et Ind. de Sanford Bret.

Fol. 151*a*.

Lit. pro fructibus eccl. de Sanford benditis.

Bp. to Archd. of Taunt. Relaxing sequestration of Sampford B. Andrew de Raleigh, late possessioner, to be held in bond for payment of 10 mks. due. Rockborne, Aug., 1317.

Carta de basto conc. W. Gacelin in Pakelchirche.

Grant to **Sir Walter G.** and heirs for ever, of pasture taken from waste of Manor of P., Sir W. ceding to the See, to be held "separaliter," some "purprestures" (encroachments), and binding his heirs to pay "unum caputium(?) de ffentro(?) sindone linatum(?)," value 2*s.* at Pentecost. Pucklechurch, 7 Ed. II.

Test., four Knights, viz., two Berkeleys, and two De la Rivers, and others.

Inst. et Ind. de Blakedon.

MEM.—**Peter de Esse,** Clerk, admitted Rect. of **Blagdon.** Pat., Sir W. Martyn. Rockborne, 8 Id. Sept., 1317.

Archd. of Wells to induct.

Lit. conc. Abbati de Muchelney pro Sacristaria.

Bp. to Jo. Abbot of M. "For relief of the House, burdened with debt, owing to floods and bad grain crops, the Abbot may retain **Sacristan's** office in hand during Bp.'s pleasure."

Cheddar, Id. Sept., 1317.

Fol. 151*b*.

Venditio frumenti Maner. Wells et Woky.

Bp. has sold, for King's use, to Dean, Provost, and three Canons, for 100 silver mks., 200 qrs. of wheat,[a] to be delivered out of his barns about Candlemas, and made up to full measure, if need, from granges at Evercreech and Westbury.

Kingsbury, Sept. 14, 1317.

[a] This payment was probably made out of the subsidy-funds which D. and C. were holding as Sub-collectors.

Comm. Will. de Bathon.

Appointment of W. de B., "our junior Clerk," as Attorney for levying all fines and amerciaments throughout the temporal **franchise** ("Libertas") of the See, with power to distrain and to invoke the King's officers.[b] Same date.

[b] *i.e.*, in aid of distraint on secular property. *See* fol. 152*a*.

MEM.—**Laurence de la Marr**, Acol., admitted to Rect. of C. M. Pat., Sir Will. de Martyn. Letter of Ind. Same date. Inst. et Ind. de Compton Martyn.

Bp. to Abbot of Clyve. "In consideration of bad crops and heavy burdens, the Rectory of **East Camel** may be **leased** to a Clerk appointed by Bp., all duties to the Church and Ordinary being saved." Wyveliscombe, 3 Kal. Oct., 1317. Lic. tradendi Eccl. de Camel ad firmam.

Fol. 152*a*.

Bp. and Wm. de Bath. **Indenture.** Kingsbury, Michaelmas, 1317. Ind. ad Will. de Bath., Clericum Libertatis.

Will. de B. to be Bp.'s Attorney—(1) To sue at King's Excheqner for Bp.'s fines and amerciaments, and the "exitus[a] viridis ceræ." (2) To pay Crown dues and answer Bp.'s audits.

Bp. to pay to W. B. 5 mks. per ann. and suit of Clerk's robes, with 12*d.* a day when on journey to Sheriffs' Courts in Somt. and Gloucester.

[a] The Exchequer issued the writs called Estreats under a green-wax seal. They were based on "Extracta," *i.e.*, copies from Sheriff's Lists of Fines imposed in their Courts. Some of these were claimable by the Bp. in right of Hundredal Franchises.

MEM.—To Tho. Rect. of Selworthy, for one year at Oxon. Wyveliscombe, Oct., 1317. Lic. Stud.

MEM.—To Jo. Fitzurs, Rect. of Brompton Ralph, for one year. Wyveliscombe, Oct., 1317. Lic. Stud.

Grant from Bp. of Lands[b] in Tighulhurst (Tylehurst), Berks, to J. de S. for services past and future. J. S. to serve Bp. for life in all courts and places with counsel and aid, and to relieve Bp. of pension payable to his brother, viz., 40*s.* Quieta Clamatio fact. Jo. Stonor.

Kingsbury, Sept., 11 Ed. II.

[b] Private property.

Test., John de Foxle, J. de Clyvedon, Will. de Burun, Will. de Brayboef, Will. de Malherbe, and others.

Ordinatio Vicariae de Wyveliscombe.

Ordinatio or settlement of Vicarial Endowment at W. by Bp. Will. Bytton (dated Banwell, 1262), Canon Tho. de Bytton, as the Prebendary of W., and the Vicar, Robt. de Bosco, assenting. Vicar to have altarage at W. and at Fifhead (Fitzhead) Chapel, all small tithes and of grain in curtilages, of venison in Bp.'s park, of hay at Fifhead, and of mills; also the mortuaries and "principale legatum," with Vicar's houses at W. and at Fifhead.

Fol. 152*b*.

Lic. Stud.

MEM.—W. de Ashton, Rect. of Burnet, one year.

Wyveliscombe, 7 Kal. Oct., 1317.

Inst. Eccl. de Bracton.

MEM.—Ralph de Oaterne, Clerk, inst. to Bratton (Seymour). Pat., Tho. de Lisle. Same date.

Archd. Wells.

Inst. Eccl. de Combe Flory.

John de Kingsbury, Deac., inst. Rect. of C. F. Pat., Prior of Taunton. Same date.

Letter of ind.

Inst. et Ind. Cap. de Putteneye.

MEM.—John de Rissendon, inst. Rect. of Pitney Chapel. Pat., Sir H. de L'Orti. Same date.

Letter of ind.

Lic. Nic. Rect. de Asshalte.

Licence to Rect. of Asholt for one year, to celebrate at his unconsecrated High Altar on a portable Altar, hallowed.

Same date.

Inst.

MEM.—Will. Champyon, Capell., inst. Vic. of East Pennard. Pat., Glaston Abbey. Banwell, 7 Id. Oct., 1317.

Ind.

Archd. Wells.

Lic. Stud.

MEM.—To Hen. de Fornaux, Rect. of Cucklington, for one year. Same date.

Fols. 153*a*, *b*.

[*Have been missed in the paging*].

Fol. 154*a*.

Bp. to two Canons. "See to execution of **Papal Provision** granted to R. S., as a poor Clerk, against Montacute Priory. Report to us on R. S.'s character after inquiry." Banwell, 6 Id. Oct. Comm. sup. Provisione fact. Robt. Story de Milberton.

Bp.'s Bond to Robt. Turtle "dilecto mercatori nostro," of Bristol, **to deliver** (price already paid) 200 quarters of **Wheat** from his manors of Pucklechurch and Chew, at Bristol, at fixed days, "per homagium[a] nostrum." Banwell, Oct. 10, 2 Ed. II. Obligatio fact. Rogero Turtle de CC quar. Frumenti.

[a] To be carried into Bristol by the villeins as part of their manorial service, called "summagium."

MEM.—Bp. remitted to Bruton Priory, at instance of Master Jo. de Bruton,[b] a fine of 20*s*. imposed for not procuring dedication of their churches and chapels. They assert that they are not fully completed. Dean of Wells,[c] Archd. of Wells, and Jo. de B. to be apprised. Cheddar, 2 Non. Oct. Multa remissa Priori de Bruton.

[b] Canon of Wells.

[c] The Priory held impropriate churches within both these jurisdictions.

Fine 20*s*. due for **non-dedication** of Conventual Church of W. and of High Altar, permitted. Banwell, 6 Id. Oct. Consimilis Remissio Priori de Worspring.

Fol. 154*b*.

MEM.—To Will. de Littleton, Rect. of Henton Bluet, for one year. Banwell, Oct., 1317. Lic. Stud.

MEM.—To J. de Asshby, Rect. of Bledon, absence, for recovery of health, till Easter, unless recruited earlier. **Dedication of Chancel** and H. Altar respited. Same date. Lic.

MEM.—H. de Olford, Rect. of Oak, for one year. Same date. Lic. Stud.

Bp.'s Decree of Penance on Brother Tho. le Taverner, of **Worspring**, convicted of rebellion against rule, and confessed. Forma Penitentiae.

"To be confined in Priory ('in carcerali conditione') until the brethren are convinced of his penitence; then to take lowest place; severe rules of fasting, devotions, silence, scourging ('disciplina'). Excommunication due to any one's neglect of these injunctions." (*See* 155*b*.) Banwell, 2 Non. Oct., 1317.

Lic. Stud. Rect. de Calbeston. MEM.—To R. Stak, Rect. of Kelston, for one year.

Lic. Stud.[a] To A. de Pykelsleigh, Rect. of Hutton, for one year.

To Rog. de Pykelsleigh, Rect. of Backwell, for one year.

[a] These Licences, being so numerous and so often issued to the same persons, will henceforth be dropped out.

Dispens. fact. Tho. de Cherleton. T. de C. dispensed for illegitimacy; licensed to take minor orders and hold sinecure,[b] pursuant to Constitution of Boniface VIII.

[b] The Bp. could not go further than this point without Papal authority.

Fol. 155*a*.

Comm. fact. pro Ada Brette. Bp. to three Canons.—"To watch the case of Adam Brette, of Trillock (Landaff Dio.), poor Clerk, holding Papal Provision against Priory of Goldclyve, to hold the Papal rescript and enforce its powers." 15 Kal. Nov., 1317.

Inst. et Ind. Capell. de Stoke Tristres. MEM.—John de Gray, Capell., inst. to Chapel of Stoke Trister. Pat., Sir H. de L'Orti. Chew, 13 Kal. Nov.

Inst. et Ind. Kyngston. MEM.—Robt. de Wilmyngton, Acol., inst. Rect. of Kingston. Pat., Isabel La Paen. Same date.

Inst. et Ind. Porlok. MEM.—Rich. de Birlaunde, Pr., inst. Rect. of Porlock. Pat., Herbert de March, in right of wife's dower derived from her first husband, Simon de Roges. Same date.

Lit. dim. MEM.—To Peter de Esse, Rect. of Blagdon, Acol., to seek two higher orders.

Andrew de Drokensford, by Litt. Dim., three others, and (apparently) Richard Gatecok, of Wrington, whose manumission by Abb. of Glastonbury is registered, all tonsured. Oct. 1317. Coronati apud Chew ad primam tons.

MEM.—**Will. de Walecote**, Pr., inst. to (Bath) **Hampton** Vic. newly ordained. Pat., Prior of Bath. Inst. et Ind. Vic. de Hampton.

Evercreech, 7 Kal. Nov.

Fol. 155*b*.

[*Anno Nono. Consec.*]

Bp. to Bruton Priory, transferring to their custody the convicted Canon, Taverner, to be kept at cost of his own House, until penitent. Treatment almost the same as in fol. 154*b*. Lit. Penitenciae injunct. Canon. de Worspring.

Banwell, 6 Id. Nov., 1317.

Like Decree upon Canon Lundrais, directed to Prior of **Worspring**.

Bp. to Archdn. of Bath, enjoining the **Induction** (as Prioress of Barrow) of Joanna de G., now fully professed; her election being voided by non-profession, and the nomination having lapsed to Bp. Praefectio fact. de Joanna de Gurnay in Prioratum de Bargh.

See Hugo, p. 11.

Bp. confirms, after full hearing with counsel, civil and ecclesiastical, at the request of the Vicar, Robt. Ikelynton, the **Ordinance of Bp. Will.** (*See* fol. 152*a*, and specially the mortuary fee.) Confirm. fact. de Vic. de Wybeliscombe.

A minute description is given of the seals, over which there had been disputing, of Bp. W. and of R. de Bosco, Vicar.

This entry is cut in two.

Bp. to W. de Bereford, &c., "de Banco Reg."—"Sheriff of Somerset is urgent for citation of Jo. de Bedwynd. There being no such person in the Diocese, please to rescind orders." Significatio Justiciariis Regis.

Cheddar, 14 Kal. Dec., 1317.

Regia Captio. **Bp. to King.**—"Two members of the Diocese ('parochiani'), Exors. of Rich. Wythemore, have incurred Excommunication, and have evaded censure for over 40 days. We beg that the **secular arm** may come in to aid the 'regimen ecclæ.'"

Banwell, 12 Kal. Dec., 1317.

Fol. 156*b*.

Dispensatio Hamelin de Godleigh. **Bp. to H. de G.**, Clerk of his Diocese, reciting (in full) letter of Berenger, Pope's Penitentiary, to the Bp., authorizing him to absolve H. de G. from note of Irregularity, incurred by holding benefices contrary to Statute of Lyons Council, and to treat him according to his discretion. The Bp. **absolves** him, and grants dispensation to hold other benefices, if offered canonically.

Banwell, 12 Kal. Dec., 1317.

The offence was that of holding a benefice without obtaining Priest's orders, or dispensation. The offender offered to refund by laying out money upon the benefices. It is not plain whether the offer was accepted, or whether any allowance was made to him for his sustenance.

Carta Nic. de Beneheia. Grant to Nic. de Camme, "Valetto Cameræ" (for services past and future), of the villeinage lands of Denehaye, in Chew, for life, at 4*s.* per ann. Evercreech, Oct., 11 Ed. II.

Chyw. "**Contenta consuetudinum et serviciorum,**" &c., *i.e.*, A Survey of John de Chew's Holding, taken before the Bp.'s Steward, Randolf, at a Hundred-tourn, or Court, at Chew.

See next entry.

Fol. 157*a*.

Carta fact. Jo. de Chu post ertentam factam. **Bp.'s Grant to J. de Chew, Clerk,** of Messuage and virgate at Northweek in Chew, for life, at 26*s.* 8*d.*, and other payments, *e.g.*, St. Martin's seed, Larder silver, Peter's pence, Enclosing of park at Westbury, and the common liabilities of the Virgatarii.

Test., Jo. de Clyvedon, Geoffrey de Hautville, Knts., &c.

Banwell, Nov., 1317.

MEM.—**Ralph de S. Amand**, Deac., inst. to Vic. of **Carhampton**. Pat., Prior of Bath. Wyveliscombe, Dec. 21, 1317. Inst. et Ind.

Dean of Wells to induct.

Bp. to Thomas de L'Aleton.—"Though you are bound to cure of souls at S., yet, at the entreaty of Canon J. de Pinibus, Vicar General of Cardinal Raymond, D. of Sarum, we grant you one year's absence, on condition that you visit your flock for alms and spiritual oversight, and keep a chaplain at S. You hold the Collegiate Church of Heytesbury, claiming from you like residence." Wyveliscombe, Dec. 23, 1317. Lic. conc. Tho. de Spayton.

Fol. 157*b*.

MEM.—**Robt. Cotes**, Deac., inst. Vic. of **Cheddar**. Pat., D. and C. Wells. Banwell, Nov. 30, 1317. Inst. et Ind.

Dean to induct.

Dean and Canon Retford to sift the "**Inquest de Vacatione**," and, if favourable, to inst. and induct as Rect. of **H., Will. de Greynton**, Pr. Pat., Keynsham Abbey. Evercreech, Jan. 2, 1317–18. Comm. Vacationis Eccl. de Hardynton.

Like Commission to two Canons for **Hen. de Birland**, Clerk, presented by King to Rect. of **Sock Dennis**. London, 19 Kal. Feb. Comm. Vac. de Stoke Wenays.

Bp. to D. and two Canons. To sift inquest *in re* resignation of Will de Breynton, for exchange with Vic. of Doulting, for cause approved. To inst. and induct **Jocelin de S. Neulin** to Rect. of **Exeford**. Banwell, Jan. 1. Comm. sup. Vac. Eccl. de Exeford.

Bp. to W. de Breynton, instituting him to Vic. of **Doulting**. Pat., Abbey of Glastonbury. Bruggewalter, Dec. 27, 1317. Lit. Inst. Vic. de Dulting.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

Fol. 158*a*.

Inst. **Robt. de Balne**, Acol., inst. Rect. of **Chiselborough**, vice Hen. de Clyve, resigned. Pat., Sir Francis de Aldham.

London, 6 Kal. Feb.

Archd. Wells to induct. Lit. dim. for study and seeking higher orders (two steps).

Comm. ad cognoscend., &c., contra Ric. Tuskyn. MEM.—**Bp. to his Official.** Commission to remove R. T., a layman, lessee without licence[a] of **Ashill** Prebendal Rectory.

[a] "Contra canones sanctorum patrum."

Coll. Canonic. **Rich. de Stanhowe**, Clerk, collated to **Stall**, late Cokeham's.

Greenwich, Feb., 1317–18.

Dean to instal.

Comm. ad admitt. Presentatum ad Eccl. Stratton, St. Victor. **Bp. to two Canons.**—"To sift inquest '**De vacatione.**' If all well, to accept resignation and inst. presentee, with ind."

London, 3 Non. Feb.

Acceptatio Resignationis. MEM.—Bp. received **Resignation** of Mich. de Drokensford, whom he had inst. Rector of **Chedzoy**, contrary to the constitution "Execrabilis" against Pluralities.

Fol. 158*b*.

Acquietantia W. et C. de Mer. serannali. **Bp., as Collector** of the Tenth imposed by P. Clement, gives **Acquittance** to Dean and Chap., as Sub-Collectors, for £55 = tenth of Bp.'s temporalties, and £32 18*s*. of arrears paid, under King's Writ, to the firm of Bellardi. The Bp. will give the Chapter indemnity against King.

Acquiet. eisdem pro Mer. annali Regi concessa. For £27 12*s*.[b] = first half of Subsidy granted by Clergy.

For £36 12*s*. = arrears of the same, now in Canon Retford's hands.

Bp. gives indemnity to Chap. against King.

London, Kal. Feb., 1317–18.

[b] For the tenth of Bp.'s temporals.

MEM.—**Geoffrey de Bradford**, Clerk, who claimed the Living of **Somerton**, in the patronage of Muchelney Abbey, on strength of a Papal Provision, **renounces** his claim before Bp. in favour of the Abbot's Presentee. Renunciatio coram notario publ.

In camerâ manerii de West Greenwich, Non. Feb., 1317–18.

After the Renunciation, Bp. inst. **Jo. de Henton**, Chaplain. Same date. Inst. Vic. de Somerton.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

MEM.—At his valett's instance, Bp. writes for **admission** of his (valett's) niece to **St. John's Hospital**, as a "secular sister." Begs for answer. Wanton, Feb. 23, 1317–18. Lit. direct. Mgr. St. Joannis, Bristol.

Letter instituting **Tho. de Astley**, Sub-deac., to Rectory of **Horsington**, vacated by Jo. de Erdburgh's resignation, with licence of two years' study. Pat., King, by wardship of W. Russell's heir. London, Feb. 23, 1317–18. Adm. et Inst. Eccl. de Horsynton. (*Exchange.*)

Archd. Wells. Ind.

Fol. 159*a*.

Hugh, Prior of Barlynch, to Bp. Age and illness bid him **resign** his office into Bp.'s hands. Pleads for speedy "congé d'elire," lest the goods of the impoverished house should be wasted. Leaves the provision for his own wants in Bp.'s hands. Lit. direct. Epo. per Hugonem, &c.

Barlynch, Id. Jan., 1320–21.

Bp. to Sub-Prior, accepting **Prior's Resignation**, ordering election of Prior "juris ordine," and presentation of elect to himself at Rockborne, with all the processes, at Candlemas. Rescriptio fact. Subpriori, &c.

Easton Crok, 13 Kal. Feb., 1320.

Richd. de Leycestre, **Prior of Clerkenwell** ("Locum tenens" of Prior of St. John of Jerus.), constitutes **Jo. de Wherewell**, Preceptor of Buckland, **General Proctor** for the Hospitallers.

Clerkenwell, March 9, 1320–21.

Fol. 159*b*.

Appropriatio Eccl. de Lutleton.

Bp., after consultation with his Chapters, and in pity to losses[a] falling on Keynsham Abbey, **appropriates** to it the **Rectory of High Littelton**, now in Abbey patronage. Abbot to be inducted after next avoidance, saving Bp.'s right to award Vicarial endowment, and to institute Vicars, and saving to the Bps. and Cathedrals their "Pontificale" and "Cathedrale," and all Archdeacon's rights. Wells, 16 Kal. May, 1322.

[a] Losses were—tithes of Chewstoke, lost on award; damage to Irish and Welsh property by raids and murrain.

Procuratorium.

Prior of Bradenstoke, as Rect. of **Childe Compton**, constitutes Jo. de Morlaund, Capell., **Proctor** to answer Ordinary in all calls, and to attend R. D. Chapters and Synods.

Bradenstoke, 4 Non. Oct., 1320.

Fol. 160*a*.

[*Of the following Institutions, two, Bathwick and Corston, are to Vicarages newly created by appropriations to Bath Abbey. The Bp. after his pacification with the Abbey seems to have befriended it.*]

Institt. Vic. de Wyk.

MEM.—**John Marlewood**, of Bath, inst. Vic. of Prebendal Church of **Bathwick** (*see* fol. 161*a*). Pat., Pet. de Inkpenne, Prebendary. Yeovil, 2 Id. March, 1320–21.

Ind.

Archd. Bath.

Inst.

MEM.—**Will. Inwar** (or Yuwar), Pr., Rect. of **Brugeford** ("Brushford?") Pat., Britel Inwar.

Kingsbury, 5 Kal. March, 1320-21.

Ind.

Archd. Taunt.

Corston.

MEM.—**Hen. de Eberdon**, Vic. of **Corston**. Pat., Prior of Bath. Same date.

Archd. Bath to induct Vicar into his newly assigned portion. (*See* fol. 180).

MEM.—**Thos. de Bradeford**, Acol., into Rect. of **Portisheud.** Pat., Will de Bradford. Same date. **Portesheved.**

Archd. Bath. **End.**

MEM.—Jo. Attemore, **Serf. of Wellington** Manor, freed at instance of Dean of Wells. Wells, 3 Kal. March. **Manumissio.**

Licence to King's Justices to hold Assises in Lent, up to "Dominica in Passione Dni." Same in substance as before. Wyveliscombe, First Sunday in Lent. **Comm. Jo. de Forle pro Assisis, &c.**

MEM.—Licence to Vic. of Kingsbury to hear Confessions (*i.e.*, in cases reserved to Bp., save only perjury) of parishioners of North Curry, up to Easter.

Wyveliscombe, 5 Non. March, 1320–21.

Fol 160*b*.

Bp. to Joanna Durdent, Prioress of Kyngton (Sar. Dio.) "Pitying the poverty of your 'cœnobium,' after consultation with our chapters, we appropriate the Rectory of Twerton when void, now in your patronage, to your uses, 'et ad vesturæ vestræ crementum,' saving those tithes which are payable to Barrow Nuns, and saving to Bp. the right of assessing at all times the Vicar's income, and instituting him." **Appropriatio de Twyberton.**

Wellington, March 16, 1320–21.

Fol. 161*a*.

Bp. to all men, &c. "**Pet. de Inkpenne**, Rector of Prebendal Church of Wyke, having presented (by consent of Abbess of Wherwell, Patr.) Jo. Marlewood (*see* fol. 160*a*) as perpetual Vicar; the endowment to be settled by us according to state of benefice; We, having by inquest ascertained its gross value, do now in God's Name **decree that the Vicar's Portion** shall consist in: (1) Part of Rectory-garden with Vicar's house thereon; (2) Tithe of wool, lambs, honey, mills, and all small tithe, with oblations, and all Altelage at the Church, and dependent Chapel of Wollye; **Ordin Vic. de Bathewyk.**

(3) Tithes of corn grown in curtilages and hay of the villeins. Rector to take all other revenue, and to bear all the charges, save waxlights and repair of books and vestments. He is to present Vicar to Bp." Yeovil, Id. Feb, 1320–21.

One copy to be kept "penes Thesaurariam nostram," another "penes Rectorem" but in Vicar's hand.

Ordin. Vic. S. Decumani.

Bp. to all men, &c. "Robt., the Vicar of St. Decuman's, having represented the inadequacy of his portions for self and two chaplains; **We**, finding the Rectory worth 24 mks. 8*s.*, the Vicarage 9 mks. 4*s.*, after consulting Rector and others, **do now in God's Name decree** That the Vicar shall have the Vicar's House, all small tithes, tithes of four mills (named), and of dovecotes—all Altelage (for augmentation); St. Decuman's Acre on North side of Church, tithes of milk, butter, wool, small tithes of Denneford, with tithes of hay of free tenants of D. for horsemeat, of herbage, of Churchyard, tithes of grain sown in curtilages [such augmented tithes valued at 8 mks.]. Rector to have all other Tithes, and 10*s.* from Vicar in aid of Clergy-taxes. Vicar to choose and remove chaplains and ministri (subordinates), but to swear them in fealty to Rector, and to keep books and ornaments in repair." Wyveliscombe, 13 Kal. April, 1320–21.

One copy to be kept in Wells Treasury, one in Vicar's hand.

Fol. 162*a*.

Comm. sup. Permutatione Vic. de Sydbury (Eron) et R. de Middelton.

Bp. to Canon Murymouth, D.C.L. To act in effecting exchange between Steph. de Twyverton, Vic. of S., and Hen. de Hannore, Rect. of Milton Podymore; to receive H.'s resignation, if expedient, and to inst. and ind. Stephen.

Ambresbury, Sept. 25, 1320.

Offic. Sacristariae.

Bp. to Will. de Canyng, Monk of Bath, conferring during pleasure the office of **Sacristan** of Abbey. Same date.

Lit. pro Captione, &c.

Bp. to King. "Roger Haumond, of Schokerwick, and Adam, called Pescod, of Hallatrow (Halwetreo), 'parochiani nostri,'

have despised the sentence of Excommunication over 40 days, We therefore beg the aid of the secular arm."

Dogmersfield, Sept. 31.

Bp.'s Official to Bp., certifying these two cases of contumacy; R. H. excommunicated at the instance of his wife; Adam at instance of his Rector. Bristol, Sept. 28, 1320. Lit. Certificatoria Epo. ut ipse scriberet Regi.

Fol. 162*b*.

Bp. to Walter (Stapledon), **Bp. of Exeter**, forwarding mandate of Arches Court, begging answer by bearer, and to be borne harmless (in the suit). Evercreech, Sept. 22, 1320. Lit. direct. Epo Exon. pro Eccl. de Cherdelynch.

Bp. of Ex. to Bp. B. W. "Will hold him harmless, but in the matter of admission (? Institution to Charlinch), upon which Bp. B. W. had appealed, he must appear by Proctor; in all else he shall be safe." Honiton (?), Sept. 24. Rescriptū per Epum. Exon.

MEM.—Hen. Alward, Acol., to seek Sub-deacon's orders. Lit. dim.

London, Id. Oct., 1320.

MEM.—Forty days' **Indulgence "pro animâ"** of Beatrice Countess of Pembroke. Same date. Indulg.

i.e., to stimulate prayers for its repose.

MEM.—Bp. granted letters patent to the Brethren of the **Hospital** de Alto Passu **to seek Alms**, to hold meetings ("faciend. convocationes"), and to preach through Diocese. Lit. Quaestus.

London, same date.

Bull of Jo. XXII, commending the claims of the Hosp. (no hint of its locality) to all Dignitaries of the Church. Bulla Papae conc. Mgro. et Frat.

Avignon, 4th of Pontif.

Fol. 163*a*.

ALTERNATIVE BULL.—To be used when men postpone the Hospital claims to undertakings of their own, and forbidding the evasion. Alia Bulla pro eodem.

Lit. Acquietanciae. Charitable **remittance**, "pro salute animæ," to Prior of Hexham, harried by Scotch raids, of 20 mks., arrears of rent due to Bp.

London, Oct. 16, 1320.

Comm. in negotio Hardinton. MEM.—**To Canons Martel and Penkridge.** To carry on **suit "ex officio"** against W., late Rect. of H., according to articles found on Visitation of Frome Deanery.

Wanton, 3 Non. Oct., 1320.

Fol. 163*b*.

Comm. pro Permutatione beneficiorum. **Bp. to Archd. of Wells** and to his own Official. To hear pleas for **exchange** of Lullington and Henton Bluet rectories, and if approved, to accept resignations, and give inst. and induction.

London, 12 Kal. Nov.

Lit. dim. To Walt. Harpham, Deac., Rect. of Yeovilton, to seek Priest's orders. London, 12 Kal. Nov.

Dimissio Thesauraria Well. per Mag. Bruton. **Surrender** into Bp.'s hands; under the Const. "Execrabilis," of the Cathedral **Treasurership** by Canon Bruton, vacated by acceptance of Saltwood Rectory, Kent. Protests his unwillingness, and intention to resume, if he can, and lodges claim to all official goods in barn or store.

Westminster, Oct. 28. Before Notaries and Canon Ford.

Lit. dim. John Tondut, Deac., Rect. of Rode, for Priest's orders.

London, same date.

Fol. 164*a*.

Protestatio, &c. **Protest**[a] **of Canon Rich. de Ford,** Rect. of Bradford (in Diocese). Bp. has collated him to dignity of Cathedral **Treasurer.** He accepts, on condition of its not voiding his

[a] These precautions were due to the uncertainty of getting final possession of preferments, good enough to tempt the seekers of Papal provisions. Benefices were often bestowed "by provision" unknown to the English Patrons. *See* fol. 164*b*, *in re* Hanlo's Stall.

Rectory. When fully invested[a] with all the rights of the new office, he will surrender Rectory pursuant to the Const. "Execrabilis," or else the Treasurership (under Papal sanction), and retain Rectory; Saving clause for his official goods and stored grain. London, same date. Before Notary.

[a] *See* Can. Bruton's registration and protest, making his successor's tenure doubtful.

Bp. to Abp. Walter (Reynolds). **Testimony**[a] to the reputation of sanctity still clinging to memory of Abp. Winchelsea in the Diocese. London, Oct. 26, 1320. Commendatio Roberti Archiepi.

[a] In aid of a movement for canonizing the late Abp.

Bond from Bp. to Canon Baldock of St. Paul's, King's Clerk, to pay £10, "de camerâ," for services, until beneficed in cathedral. London, 5 Kal. Nov. Lit. obligatoria Pens. ann.

Fol. 164*b*.

MEM.—**Walter de Conyngsby**, Acol., inst. to Rect. of **Camerton**, vice Symon de Bristol, ousted by the "Execrabilis" Const. London, 3 Id. Nov. Inst. Eccl. de Camelerton.

Archd. Wells. Litt. dim. for Priest's ordination. Ind.

Bp. to Cardinal Gilhard. "Having waited a month before filling Canon Hanlo's Stall, without any intimation from Pope, and then appointed Gilb. de Eyton, Dn. of the Arches, for his great merits, I hope to stand excused for my inability to serve Master Hugh." (*See* fol. 174*b*.) London, 6 Nov. Responsio pro Preb. de Elton.

Six names of Cardinals, &c., to whom like apologies were written, probably in duplicate. Consimiles xij.

Bp. to Hugh Richard (who brought the Pope's Proviso too late). In same terms, "mutatis mutandis," as letter to Card. G. Responsio fact. Hugoni Richard Provisorio.

[NOTE.—Spoke to him in person.]

MEM.—Will. Peris of Wedmore, Acol., for Deacon's orders. London, Nov. Lit. dim.

Lit. conc. Jo. de Barthon pro cant. in domo.

MEM.—**Licence to Jo. de Berthon**[a] and wife to build wooden altar with portable altar thereupon, consecrated, and to have mass in his house, "pro liberâ familia suâ." Same date.

[a] Was this Jo. of the Barton, Bailiff of Wells?

Fol. 165*a*.

Lic. habendi Oratorium.

MEM.—**Licence to Canon Forde for Oratory** in his "Hospitium," Wells, and elsewhere within Diocese, and to celebrate on consecrated super-altar. Stockwell-by-London, 10 Kal. Nov.

Inst. Vic. de Woundon.

John de Hunterston, Pr., inst. Vic. of (Compton) **Dundon**, vice Ralph de Clyvedon, deceased. Pat., the Prebendary, Henry de Staunton. Pirbright, 5 Non. Dec.

Ind.

Dean of Wells.

Coll. Archidiacon. Cantor. cum Canonicatu

Bp. to Robt. Hereward, Deac., collating him to Archdeaconry and Canonry held by Shavington, deceased, investing his proxy, "per birretti nostri traditionem." Pirbr., Dec. 12.

Induction to Archdeaconry by Bp.'s Official, who on Dec. 11 was instructed to induct, "nomine commendæ, pro beneplacito duraturæ."[b]

[b] The Bp. had misgivings about his selection of this unfledged favourite, who on Aug. 6, 1327, after several renewals of leave for study, was still a Deacon and living laically. *See* his rebuke, *infra*.

Ind. to Canonry by Dean.

Fol. 165*a*.

Inst. de Bradeford.

Simon Saubage inst. Rect. of **Bradford**, vice Canon Forde, surrendered (*vid. sup.*, fol. 164*a*). Pat., Walter de Meriet, of Bradford. Dec. 18, 1320.

Ind.

By R. D. of Taunton, Archdeaconry being vacant.

Bp. collated Mich. de Eston to Succentorship, vice Penkridge, deceased. Dogmersfield, 27 Dec. Coll. Succentoriae.

By Bp.'s Official. Ind.

Mandate to Dean to sequestrate Canon P.'s goods, "certis ex causis." Same date. Sequest. bonorum Hug. de Penkridge.

Bp. to his Official and Canon Martel. "To visit College of the Chapel of Stoke-under-Hamdon, with powers of coercion and censure. Dogmersfield, Dec. 29, 1320. Comm. ad visitand. Propos. et fratres de Stoke.

Commission to sit in the Church.

Fol. 166*a*.

MEM.—**Tho. de Dylington,** S.T.P., **collated** to Penkridge's Stall. Pirbright, 3 Id. Jan. Coll. Canon.

Bp. to Mich. Benepf, Clerk, **collating** him to Stall, late Bedewynd's, resigned. Pirbright, 6 Id. Jan. Coll. Canon.

Dean to induct both.

MEM.—G. de T., LL.D., admitted by Papal Provision to Prebend of B. in Sarum Cathedral. "In obedience to Papal mandate, endorsed by Bp., the Vicar of Redclyve and Bedminster is to give **corporal possession** of the Prebend to a Proxy, and to bid the people obey G. de T. as Ordinary."* Adm. Geraldi de Tilhet per Proc. de Preb. de Bedeminstre.

Dogmersfield, 20 Kal. Feb., 1320–21.

* Bedminster being a prebendal peculiar in Cath. of Sarum.

Proxy to two Rectors. To demand in Bp.'s name from King's Justices all **imprisoned Clerks,** and to do all else that pertains to Liberty of Church and custom of Realm. Comm. ad erigend. clericos incarceratos.

Rockborne, 8 Kal. Feb., 1320–21.

Fol. 166*b*.

"The Abbey of Bec (Normandy) being Rector impropriate of Cleeve, and Cleeve Abbey being perpetual lessee, and a Ordinatio fact. sup. Vic. de Clyve.

Vicarage long ago endowed, and now found, by local inquest, inadequate, **The Bp. decrees,** that the Vicar shall have, besides his manse, all oblations of the Church, as well of the Chapel of St. Giles', Leigh, with its tithes, the small tithes of Cleeve Church, and herbage of Churchyard. He is to read the Gospel and minister holy water and bread at Leigh, and celebrate there thrice a year. He is to repair books and ornaments.

"Bec Abbey, as Rector and Ordinary, is to retain all other revenues and privileges.

"Cleeve Abbey is to receive oblations at Chapel of St. Mary 'juxta mare' (? Watchet), as it has from its foundation."

Evercreech, Dec. 29, 1320.

One copy to be kept at Cleeve Abbey; one in Treasury, Wells.

Bulla Pap. **Pope John (XXII) to two Cardinals,** sent to the kingdoms of England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales. Full powers of **absolving** all violators of ecclesiastical liberty, or privileges.

Avignon, 1st of Pontif.

Fols. 167*a*–170*b*.

[*Royal Writs for enforcing taxes and fines*, 1320–21.]

Fol. 171*a*.

Lic. hab. Cantariam. MEM.—To **Jo. de Girelidston,** layman, to **hear mass** at home for one year, being disabled from reaching Church; super-altar to be consecrated. Wyveliscombe, 2 Kal. April, 1320–21.

Lit. Testim. ordinum. MEM.—Thomas de Lidiard's **certificate** of all his orders "ex registro." Same date.

Commenda Succent. Well. **Bp. to his Official.**—"Mich. de Eston has the **Succentorship** granted 'in commendam' for evident utility, 'ad juris terminum'" (*i.e.*, as long as Canon allows). "Induct him as 'commendatarius;' bid his tenants obey." Wyveliscombe, Id. March, 1320–21.

MEM.—To Walter de Coningsby, Rect. of Camerton, to seek Deaconship. Same date. Lit. dim.

To same, June, 1321, to seek Priesthood (fol. 172).

MEM.—Licence to **John of Chilthorne Vag**, to hear mass in his **oratory**, by his own Priest, when unable to reach Church. Wyveliscombe, Id. 1321. Lic. hab. Cantariam.

MEM.—**Bp. absolved Sir Matthew** (one of his attendant Knts.) from Ban of Excommunication incurred by violence to Sim. Sauvage, Clerk, by abstracting him from Chard Church. The offender had previously made satisfaction to S. S., and sworn to abide injunctions. Wyveliscombe, 4 Id. April. Absolutio Mni. Matth. de Clybedon.

Bp. to Hugh de Alresford, Pr. "John Attemede admitted under favour ('graciosè') to Rect. of **Seabington S. Mich.**, being insufficient in learning, and for 'regimen animarum;' the custody of his Church and person is committed to you, as 'Vicarius temporalis,' for three and a half years. He is to draw 10 mks. for his Oxford education; the balance of revenue, after meeting the 'onera,' to be yours." Wyveliscombe, 16 Kal. May, 1321. Custodia Eccl. et Rectoris de Sevenhampton.

MEM.—**J. A.**, Acol., admitted **Rect. of Seabington**, "tanquam illiteratus," with H. de A. for his Custos, was sworn to abide the Bp.'s regulations, on bond of his patron, Tho. de la Linde, and another guarantor, before notary and witnesses. Same date. Adm. Presentati, &c.

MEM.—Licence to study given at Banwell in May.

Fol. 171*b*.

See Note in margin, stating that it was cast anew after the model of Fychet's Commission below, specifying the crimes alleged. Wyveliscombe, 12 Kal. May, 1321. Comm. pro Purgatione Joannis Wak.

MEM.—**Walter de Issley**, pronounced (judicially) in Chew Church, before witnesses, "amotus," from Rectory of **Bawdrip**, at suit of Jo. de Corston, presentee. 6 Non. May, 1321. Privatio.

J. de C. admitted Rect. by Proxy, with Letter of Ind. Same date. Inst.

Letter of Inst. withheld for oath in person. (*See* fol. 172*b*.)

Dispens. auctoritat Dni. Berenger. Two cases of defect of birth dispensed by Papal Penitentiary.

Comm. pro J. Fychet purgando. **Bp. to four Canons**, his Official and others. To admit to Purgation Sir John Fychet, Knight, Clerk, charged with complicity in death of Walter de Compton, and harbouring felons, viz., Edm. Fychet. (*Vid. infra*, fol. 179*b*) He was "tanquam convictus" by King's Justices at Somerton, and handed over to Ordinary. Banwell, Kal. May, 1321.

Comm. fact. Will. de Parke. **Bp. to his Tenants**, free and villein, at Woky, Wells, Evercreech, Cranemere, notifying appointment of W. P. as **Bailiff.** Chew, May 4.

Comm. Patent appointing during pleasure, Roger Attewelle, Guardian of Manor of Wells and the Bp.'s Franchise. Same date.

Fol. 172*a*.

Carta Rob. Peche. **Grant** to Rob. and Muriel Peche and their heirs of 21 acres of Waste in la Schute[a] of **Compton Bp. Manor.** Rent 10*s.* 6*d.* per ann.

Test., the four Knights in usual attendance, viz., two Clevedons, Rodney, and Randolf; and four others, probably squires. Blackford, Sunday after S. Giles, 12 Ed. II.

[a] Query the same as Shutshelve, the pass where the railway cuts through Mendip, near Axbridge. Mark the alienation of episcopal estate by grants of inheritance at fixed rents. The last Bp. had granted 12 of these acres, but not to heirs.

Inst. Eccl. de Kyngeston Seymor. **Will. de Meleborn**, Pro. Civ. Law, admitted (by proxy) Rect. R. S. Pat. Tho., Earl of Lancaster, by Wardship of Heir of Tho. de Ken. Letter of Inst. withheld for personal oath. Letter of Ind. given.

MEM.—Proctor exhibited the Earl's declaration that he presented in spite of the claims of Maurice de Berkley, I. de Gondon and others (*see* fol. 175*a*). 4 Id. Jan., 1321–22.

[Two entries of **Purgation** scratched out.]

Fol. 172*b*.

Bp. to Dean and others. Admit to **Purgation** four Clerks, charged with homicide and robbery, as specified in Proclamation before King's Justices at Somerton. **Comm.**

NOTE.—Two purged ; two failed to obtain compurgators.

6 Kal. July, 1321.

John Suth and John Sibely, of Kingsbury, serfs, **set free and tonsured** by Bp. Kingsbury, June, 1321. **Manumissio.**

Bp. to Archdn. of Bath and others. Commission to purge the two Clerks who failed, and also four others, liberated by King's Justices at Somerton, under various charges. *(No Heading.)*

Stockwell, 15 Kal. May.

MEM.—At Wyveliscombe, Non. Mar., 1321. **J. de Corston,** Rect. of **Bawdrip,** swore obedience and received letter of Institution (given in full).

Presented by Boniface Carle, holding this turn[a] from Sir Rich. Lovell by Wardship of Heir of Bawdrip.

[a] A presentation was assignable, and if so, assignable for money. The practice of selling was not very rife at this date, but it always existed.

Fol. 173*a*.

Bp. to his Official, Archdeacons, Deans, Rectors, &c. "The conventual **Church of Athelney** is ruinous ; no funds for repair ; allow the monks to plead their case in Churches on Holy Days after Gospel, assuring contributors (if contrite) of 30 days' **indulgence** 'ab injunctis penitentiis' in addition to any other authorised indulgences." Kingsbury, 3 Kal. July, 1321. **Indulgentia pro reparatione Eccl. de Athelyngeneye.**

Bp. to John the Archer, of Petherton, Scholar,[b] illegitimate ; dispensed for minor orders, and for holding sinecure benefice by Bp.'s sole authority, as limited by General Constitution. **Lit. dispensatoriae.**

Same date.

[b] From this and similar entries it is plain that the "scholar" had a status recognized by the Church, but not to us clearly defined.

Une Lettre maunde a les Barons des Cynk Ports. (*French.*)

Bp. to his good Friends, the **Barons of Cinque Ports,** bidding them dismiss their illwill towards certain men of the seabord, "de la costere," of Hants, and Devon, for a "ryot;" reminds them that their duty is to ward off foreign foes, not to stir home-broils. June 30. No place.

Fol. 173*b*.

Lit. pro Hugone de la Burgh et aliis mercator. burgi de Westober.

Bp. to all the King's Bailiffs, &c. "Hugh complains that the Bp.'s burgesses[a] of Westover Suthwyk, by Langport, are charged with toll and custom at fairs and markets. They are free by Royal Charter, which they will show, granted to Bp. Jocelin; observe this charter, and make restitution."

Wells, Jan., 1321.

[a] Subject to the Episcopal Manor of Huish, and enjoying its franchises.

Lit. dim.

MEM.—At inst. of Canon J. de Bruton, Bp. licenses Richard, called Teynturer, of Bruton, Clerk, to seek Deacon's orders, given title. Stockwell, 13 Kal. Aug.

Lic. Stud. pro Archidiacono.

Bp. to Archdeacon Hereward, of Taunton [a *Deacon* lately collated], approving his purpose of going beyond sea for liberal studies, and ecclesiastical law; releases him from duties, if provided for by deputy. (No stint of time.) London, July 28, 1321.

Fol. 174*a*.

Institt. Gothurst.

MEM.—**Walter Brown,** Acol., Rect. of **Goathurst,** vice Roger resigned. Pat., Rog. de Gothurst. Aug. 2, 1321.

Ind.

Archd. Taunt.

Institt. Est Wouliz.

MEM.—**Jo. de Poton,** Clerk, inst. Rect. of **Dowlish** (Wake). Pat., King, by wardship of J. Wak. Same date.

Ind.

Archd. Taunt.

Institt. Saltford.

MEM.—**Jo. de Chew,** Clerk, inst. Rect. of **Saltford.** Pat., Sir Rich. Rodney. Same date.

Ind.

Archd. Bath.

Late and present Rectors of G. and the Patron having accepted Bp.'s arbitration, he awards 10 marks to late Rector out of benefice, and one robe per annum. London, 2 Non. Aug. Ordin. sup. sustentatione Rog. de Gothurst.

Bp. to Hen., Bp. of Lincoln, empowering him to effect proposed exchange of Bledon for Cotingham, Lincoln, in usual way. Same date. Permutatio. (*Form.*)

Fol. 174*b*.

Bp. to Will. de Edyngton, Pr. Letter of Inst., vice Asseby, exchanged. Pat., Bp. Winton. London, 8th Aug. Inst. Bleadon.

Bp. to John de Asseby, Pr., reciting Bp. Lincoln's letter of Inst. to Cotingham. Pat., Peterborough Abbey. Same date. Inst. Cotyngham.

Bp. to Bp. Lincoln. Certificate of the whole process. Same date. Certificatorium Epi. Linc.

To certify all men that the Bp. collated G. de Eyton to Stall of Ilton long after vacancy, and with no expectation of Papal provision. London, 10 Kal. Aug. Prebenda de Elton.

To be understood by entries in fol. 164.

Fol. 175*a*.

Certificate of Bp. having instituted in June the Proctor of the Earl of Lancaster's nominee, "salvo juris ordine." *Vid.* fol. 172*a*. July 28, 1321. Lit. Testimon. sup. Institutione Eccl. de Kyngston Seymar.

MEM.—Bp. yields to the D. and C. on the points at issue. Mem. de pace reformata inter Epum. et D. et C.

1. Their claim to fruits of vacant benefices.
2. Their wonted jurisdiction over city and prebendal parishes, and
3. The wonted jurisdiction of the three Archdeacons.

On each point with reserve.

At the Temple, Lond., 9 Kal. Aug., 1321.

Bp. of Sarum to Bp. B. W., approving exchange of Warminster for Rect. of Henton St. George, deputing Bp. to accept resignation and to institute. Aug. 4, 1321. Comm. R. Sarum Epi. sup. Permutatione.

Fol. 175*b*.

Inst. Vic. de Werministre. **Bp. to Tho. de Chelveye.** Letter of Inst. to Warminster, with Letter of Ind. addressed to Archd. of Sarum.

Blackford, Oct. 27, 1321.

Resignatio. Will. de Chelveye resigns to Bp. as commissary for Sarum.

Resignatio. Tho. de Chelveye resigns to Bp. **Henton St. George,** conditionally.

Fol. 176*a*.

Institt. de Henton St. Geo. **Will. de Chelvey** inst. Rect. of **Henton.** Patron not specified.

Blackford, 6 Kal. Nov., 1321.

Ind. by Archd. of Taunt.

From notes in margin and an entry struck out in 175*b* it is plain that the Bp. must have claimed collation at one time.

Comm. de Permutatione. **Bp. to Hen., Bp. of Lincoln,** to forward **exchange of Chedzoy** Rect. for Clopton. Usual deputation of powers, saving Induction.

Wanton, 10 Kal. Sept., 1321.

Lit. Epi. Exon. To John de Schepash, to seek tonsure and minor orders.

April, 1321.

Inst. Capellae de Erneshull. MEM.—**John Manger** admitted to Chapel (with cure) of **Earnshill.** Kingsbury, Sept.

Archd. Taunt.

Comm. ad Audiend. MEM.—Three **auditors** appointed for Jo. de Barton's account as Bailiff of Wells and Bp.'s Receiver of Scutage, and of the Episcopal Franchise. Same date.

Fol. 176*b*.

Lit. pro Fratribus Hosp. S. Spir. **Bp. to his Official,** &c., **commending** the Brethren of the Hosp. of the H. Ghost in Saxiâ in Rome to the Alms of Diocese; terms almost same as in fol. 162*b*.

Coll. Precentoriae et Sacristariae Bathon. Bp. to two Monks of Bath, collating them to these offices, "durante beneplacito." Aug., 1321.

Fol. 177*a*.

Bp. to Robt., Prior of Bath. Has heard of scandalous waste of revenues, and consequent stinting of the monks' diet, &c.; exhorts him by most sacred motives to be a careful steward, and a kindlier ruler in word and deed. Wanton, Aug. 26, 1321. Lit. direct. Priori de Bath.

MEM.—On Michaelmas day in Church[a] of Dundon, Rob. de Clyve, **Abbot-elect of Clyve**, received Bp.'s **Benediction**, and made his Profession (formula given). Professio Abb. de Clyve.

[a] Two names of persons tonsured ("coronati") same time.

Fol. 177*b*.

Bp. to Canons Retford and Ford. Bp. finding that the Sub-dean has exceeded his right of visiting, in Dean's absence, the city and suburban parishes, and has visited Evercreech, &c., **decrees** that he should be mulcted in ten casks of wine at 40*s*. each, payable to the D. for costs, and inhibited from visiting on pain of censures. Wyveliscombe, Non. Oct., 1321. Lit. executoria cont. Subdecanum.

MEM.—**Tho. Thok**, Pr., inst. Rect. of **Stocklinch Ottersey**. Pat., "jure hereditario," Ralph de Stocklynch. 7 Id. Oct., 1321. Inst. Eccl. Stocklynch Otterser.

Fol. 178*a*.

Draft answer from Bp. to Abp. "Your summons to London to meet the Bps, Oct. 16, upon these sad public events, finds me on borders of Devon, too weak for rapid journey, as your Chancellor, J. de Bruton, who is with me, knows and will testify, together with the notary." No date. Lit. direct. Archiepo. pro responsione.

Three names; one just manumitted from the manor. Id. Oct. Coronati ap. Wyveliscombe.

Fol. 178*b*.

Bp.'s Grant to his Valett and wife, of a holding in **Banwell Manor** (late Will. Banwell's), for their lives. Oct. 10. Carta Joannis de Anlton.

Comm. ad inq. sup. immunitate dignitatum, &c.

Bp. to two **Canons**, and two of his Clerks. **Commission** to inquire:—[a]

1. How far the Cathedral Dignities are free of his Jurisdiction.
2. Over what persons and places the Dean's Jurisdiction has been wontedly exercised.
3. Whether, when Chedder belonged to the King, the Chapel of St. Columban was a Royal Free Chapel.
4. The value of certain episcopal ornaments.

Wyveliscombe, Oct. 7, 1321.

[a] Issued after Terms of pacification were settled between the Bp. and Chapter, Oct. 1. *See* fol. 23*a*. *See* the final details settled Dec. 15, fol. 183*b*, and Lib. Alb. i, 163–4.

Inst. Eccl. de Wychesghete.

MEM.—**Steph. de la Haye**, Pr., inst. Rect. of **Ditcheat.** Pat., Glastonbury Abbey. Wyveliscombe, Id. Oct.

Ind.

Archd. Wells.

Manumissio.

Nic. Osborn, **Serf** of manor of Wellington. One of many sons. Wyveliscombe, 18 Kal. Nov.

Fol. 179*a*.

Dispens. Illegitimati.

MEM.—**Robt. de Bingham**, Clerk, illegitimate, dispensed, under Papal letters, for all orders and benefice.

16 Kal. Nov., 1321.

Carta Will. Crok.

Grant to Will. Crok, for good service, of Lambert's late holding in **Burcot**, Wells, for life.

Wyveliscombe, 12 Kal. Nov.

Inst. Eccl. de Yerlyngton.

MEM.—**John de Crokeston** (Crux-Easton), admitted by proxy to Rect. of **Yarlington.** Pat., King, by Wardship of Will., son of Will. de Montacute. 13 Kal. Nov.

Ind.

Archd. Wells. Letter of inst. delayed.

Comm. pro Purgatione.

Commission to two Canons, and others, for purgation of seven Clerks; crimes specified in Proclamation.

Blackford, 5 Kal. Nov., 1321.

Fol. 179*b*.

Bp. to two Canons, and one other. To hold inquiry into evil reports against **Prior of Bath,** citing all persons, and advising what correction needed. Chew, Nov. 5. Comm. in neg. Correctionis Prioris de Bath.

Bp. to **Rob. Plebury,** of Kingston, Pr., inst. Rect. of **White Stanton.** Pat., Rob. de Bernayl, guardian of Rob. de Stanton, by grant from Will. de Montacute, who had a right from Albreda, wife of John Hyngaud, the over-lord of manor. Inst. de Staunton Roberd.

Yatton, 3 Id. Nov.

Archd. Taunt. Ind.

Bp. to King. "**Edmund Fychet,** Clerk, convicted before Justices of complicity in bloodshed, has purged himself before us. We beg **restitution** of his property now in your hand." Lit. direct. Regi pro bonis, &c.

Yatton, Nov. 11.

MEM.—To **Roger,** called Clericus, of Bristol, Licence to preach, and **hear confessions,** save in cases reserved to Bp. Lic. predicandi et audiend. confess.

Banwell, 2 Id. Nov., 1321.

MEM.—**Jo. de Putford,** Pr., inst. **Rect. of Brympton.** Inst. de Brumpton.

Banwell, 16 Kal. Dec.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

Fol. 180*a*.

MEM.—**Hugh de la More,** Acol., inst. Rect. of **Closworth.** Inst. Eccl. de Clouesworth.

Same date.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

Bp.'s Decree. "**Rectory of C.** was appropriated to Bath Priory by Bp. Walter, during late Rector's life. Prior has now presented a Vicar to be supported by competent portions. By agreement of all, the Vicarage is to consist in lodgings ('aula cum camera et coquina') and garden; one acre of Rector's domain, and share of his common pasture for pigs; a quarter of wheat; Altarage and small tithes. Priory to have all the rest of endowment, with all the 'onera.'" Banwell, Kal. Nov., 1321. Ordinatio Vic. de Corston.

(*No Heading.*) **Canon J. de Bruton to Bp., resigning** house assigned to him close to palace gates, he being incessantly engaged with the Abp. Lambeth, 4 Kal. Sept., 1321.

Fol. 180*b*.

Assignatio Domorum. **Canon Bruton's House,** "extra portam manerii nostri," **assigned** to Precentor Dylington, "durante beneplacito."

Official to deliver keys kept by Canon B.'s Vicar.

Same date.

Presentatio Fratris. Ord. Pred. MEM.—The Provincial of the Preaching Friars presented for **licence to preach,** &c., Ralph de Lodres, vice Shirburn removed.

Same date.

Procuratorium pro concilio celebrando London cum clausula excusationis. **Bp. to Abp.** "**Proxy** to Canon Martel, and two Clerks, to represent him in **Council** (Convocation), and give proof of illness." Banwell, 4 Kal. Dec.

NOTE IN MARGIN.—Another version of proxy (omitting plea of illness) forwarded to London by Notary.

Fol. 181*a*.

Certificatorium Bathon. de non concedendo confirmationes. **Prior, &c., of Bath to Bp.** "Having received your reproofs" (letter given verbatim) "for granting mischievous confirmations to letters of your Predecessors, we will be careful to take counsel with you hereafter in such matters." Bath, 2 Kal. Dec.

Collatio Domorum. Bp. to Canon Mich. de Drokensford, granting late Canon Bradney's house. Banwell, Id. Jan., 1321–22.

Lit. pro Pace. **Bp. to his Official.** The Abp., in late Council of London, offered 40 days' **Indulgence,** "ab injunctis," to all who should ensue the **peace of the Kingdom** by prayers, fastings, pilgrimage, or processions. "See to this being published in the Cathedrals, and by all who hold jurisdiction, exempt or not; all priests to celebrate at least one mass for peace."

Wyveliscombe, 6 Non. June, 1321–22.

Two persons at Candlemas, one a serf of the manor of Wyveliscombe, manumitted at request of the Lady de Perceval. Coronati.

John Attemore, of Wellington Manor, freed and tonsured. Wyveliscombe, Non. Feb. Manumissio.

MEM.—Robt. de Membury, Pr., inst. Rect. of Charlynch, vice Tanton, resigned. [Bp. holding indemnity from patron, presentee, and a third, in case of suit.] Pat., Robt. de Brente. 4 Id. Feb., 1321–22. Inst. Eccl. Cherdelynch.

Fol. 182*a*.

MEM.—Will. Godwyne, Pr., inst. Vic. of P. Pat., St. Aug. Abbey, Bristol. Wyveliscombe, 9 Kal. Jan. Inst. Vic. de Portbury.

Archd. Bath.

MEM.—Jo. de Middleton, Pr., inst. Rect. of Combe. Pat., Abbey of Shafton (*sic*). Wyveliscombe, 18 Kal. Feb. Inst. Combe Templer.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

Robt. Heward inst. perpetual Chaplain of St. Mary's, Aller. Pat., Sir Matt. de Clyvedon, "istâ vice." Wyveliscombe, 15 Kal. Feb., 1321–22. Inst. Cantariae B. M. de Alre.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

Bp. to Bp. Sarum. Certificate of all steps in the exchange of Warminster and Hinton, *vid. sup.* Wyveliscombe, Feb. 7. Certificatorium de Vic. de Werminstre.

Fol. 182*b*.

Compromise between Sir W. M., Knt., Lord of West Lydford, "filius[a] obedientiæ," and Will. de Bettebil, Rect. The Knight grants the Tithe of his Mills; the Rector surrenders two acres of arable which his predecessor, Gilbert Malet, had exchanged for the Tithe. Bp. ratifies. Dec. 8, 1321. Compositio inter W. Martyn et Rect. de W. Ludeford.

[a] This flattering title was earned not only by the Knight's invoking his Bp.'s arbitration, but by other kindnesses. The Rector was in the Bp.'s confidential employ, *see* fol. 185*a*, and perhaps owed his nomination to the patron's friendliness to the Bp.

Indulg. concessa pro Campanili, &c.

Bp. to his Official, Archdeacons, &c. "Tower of **St. Nich. Monastery,** Exon, having fallen, and also endangered the Church, allow the collectors to plead case for contribution in Churches after Gospel on Holydays, promising 20 **days' indulgence.**" Wyveliscombe, 4 Non. Feb.

NOTE.—Another Letter granted, confirmatory.

Fol. 183*a*.

Breve Regis et certificat. pro heredibus Rog. Crispyn.

King to Bp., reciting the evidence taken by Royal Escheator, Rich. Rodney, upon which Seisin of Will. Crispin's lands at Athelardston, Somt., had been given to W. de Gadston. "Thomas, son of Roger C., is now reputed heir, and in wardship as such. The Escheator has to report facts in next parliament; therefore, **inquire 'quoad forum eccles.,'** (1) whether Joan and W. Crispin's children, Roger and Joan, were legitimate; (2) whether Rog. married Margaret Fitzpayne; (3) whether divorced, and (4) whether Thomas was legitimate. Allow him to plead. Return answer into Chancery."

Return.

Bp to King. All parties cited. Rog. C. and Margaret Fitzpayne were duly married, and lawful parents of T. C.

Wyveliscombe, April 17, 1321.

Fol. 183*b*.

Obligatio Epi. de mitris, &c.

Bp.'s Bond to D. and C. for £23 6*s*. 8*d*. payable at Michaelmas, 1323, for two mitres; also for restoration at his death, unless redeemed, of pastoral staff, value £6 13*s*. 4*d*., of a gold ring with sapphire, of gloves, "cum nodis aureis," and sandals, value £2 10*s*. Blackford, Dec. 15, 1321.

Indentura sup. perceptione ecclesiarum vacant.

Bp. confirms the capitular claim of Fruits of vacant benefices.

Wells, same date.

Ind. sup. Jurisdictione D. et C. p. Dec. exercend.

Bp. confirms Decanal Jurisdiction over Cathedral and all Prebends, and prebendal Churches, save Barton; also over 13 others. Same date.

Protestation by Dean and Chapter that the "Bp. having consented for self and officers, that the fruits of all vacant Churches should accrue to us as formerly, we make no claim to the vacant dignities, or any churches allied thereto." Dec. 15, 1321. Lit. Dec. de fructibus Dignitatum vacant.

Fol. 184*a*.

Bp. confirms,* for his own time, the Precentor's **Jurisdiction** in Pilton, and the Chancellor's in Kingsbury. Ind. sup. Jurisdict. Precentoriae et Cancellariae.

* This act completed the pacification with the Chapter.

Two Carmelite Friars of Bristol were presented by their Provincial Prior, and at his risk ("periculo") admitted for two years in lieu of Reader Robt. de Sanford, to **hear confessions**, &c., &c., but with no powers beyond those of parish priests. Lic. conc. Frat. Carmelitis.

Like Licence to two **Friars Preachers** presented by Provincial. Wyveliscombe, 2 Non. March, 1321–22.

To **John de Erlegh** and wife Muriel, to choose as **confessor** a discreet chaplain, with power to absolve, even in cases reserved to Bp. Wyveliscombe, March 15. Lic. eligendi Confessorem.

To **Lady Katrine**, wife of **Walter de Romesey**, Knt., for one year (renewed fol. 186). March 26, 1322. Lic. consimilis.

Fol. 184*b*.

King to Bp., requiring him, on his allegiance, to give answer to questions submitted by King to Prelates in late London Council, touching **recall of the two Despensers**, and the King's reasons for the recall. Worcester, Jan. 4, 15th of reign. Lit. Regis de Revoc. Exilii H. Despenser.

Bp. to King. "Could not reach the Council; notice too short; sent Proctors, and so took part; unwilling to dissent from the conclusions, and wishful to agree with those of yourself and your best men." Wyveliscombe, Jan. 18, 1321. Certificatorium istius Brevis.

MARG. NOTE.—Another Letter in French on another subject; another version of this in French.

Fol. 185*a*.

Aliud Certificat. ad mand. Regis.

Another version, writ at King's command (conveyed privately), **expressly approbing** Council's answer, and adhering to his (Bp.'s) protest, made in Parliament (London), against the exile of Despensers.

MEM.—This, with one to Rog. de Northburgh, was sent by J. de Wamberg (Wyvel., Feb. 10, 1321), and a letter to Bp. of Worcester by Will. de Betevill (Rect. of Lydford, *see* fol. 182*b*).

Ann. Pensio.

Bp. to John de Depyng, Clerk, **Grants** for past and future services, 10 mks., till beneficed in Cathedral.

Wyveliscombe, 11 Kal. May, 1321.

Comm. in Causâ Appell.

Bp. to three Canons. To hear and determine **Appeal** of Rect. of Marksbury (Pykelsleigh) against Official of Archdn. of Bath. Wyveliscombe, 11 Kal. March, 1321.

Lit. dim.

MEM.—To Jo. de Eston, Rect. of Yarlington, Acol., to seek Subdeacon's orders. Wyveliscombe, 8 Kal. March.

Inst. Eccl. Stoke sup. Mare.[a]

Will de Brumpton, Clerk, inst. Rect. of **Walton in Gordano.** Pat., Andr. de Brumpton, Lord of Walton in Gordano. On account of youth and ignorance, Bp. ordered him "exercere studium,"[b] to nominate a chaplain to Bp. for cure of souls, and to aid needy fellow-scholars from the funds of his Church.

Same date.

[a] See p. 105, where I have incorrectly called it Kewstoke.

[b] *i.e.*, a place or system of study; "ubi studium viget generale," was the common expression for an university.

Ind.

Archd. Bath.

Fol. 185*b*.

Inst. Wobelych Wak.

Will. de Cranden, Pr., inst. Rect. of **Woblish.** Being found illiterate, he is ordered to present a chaplain for Bp.'s examination as curate under Rector. Later on he is licensed to study. Pat., John Wak. Wyveliscombe, 6 Kal. March, 1321.

MEM.—**Robt. le Veele**, of Wells, inst. Vic. of **W.** Pat., Robt. Haselschaw, Provost of Wells, as Prebendary of Winsham. Same date. Inst. Vic. Wynsham.

MEM.—**Rich. Atteasche**, Clerk in first tonsure, inst. Rect. of **Clatworthy**. Licensed to study. Order for dilapidation inquiry. Pat., Jo. Arundel. Same date. Inst. Clatworth.

Archd. Taunt. to induct.

MEM.—Bp. assigned to Canon Retford the House late Archd. Shavington's. Same date. Coll. Domorum.

Bp. to Walter de Wyk, Deac., instituting him to Vic. of **Moorlinch**, vice Strete, deceased; saving Abbey's right to first year's fruits. Pat., Glastonbury Abbey. Inst. Murlynch.

Wyveliscombe, 4 Id. March, 1321.

Custos of Glaston. Jurisdiction. Ind.

MEM.—**Rich. de Cnolton**, Clerk, inst. Rect. of **Butleigh**. Pat., Glast. Abbey. Wyveliscombe, 4 Kal. April, 1321. Inst. Eccl. de Bodelcleigh.

Custos, Glaston. Jur. Ind.

NOTE.—Ordained Acolyte two days before, and on Easter Eve, Sub-deac., both at Wyveliscombe, by Bp.

[a] Remark this discreditable scramble, in which the Bp. and the great Abbey were accomplices. The presentee followed suit in neglect of his flock.

Andr., son of Phil. de **Drokensford**, Acol., collated to Stall of **Patton**. 12 Kal. April, 1321. Coll. Canonicatus.

Dean. Ind.

Collation (after lapse) of **Rog. de Malmsbury**, Pr., to Vic. of **P.**, the Patron, Prior of Goldclyve, being excommunicate when presenting, "ante et post." [b] Coll. Vic. de Puriton.

[b] This stated in bar of the charge that he had been disqualified from his patron's function for the sake of creating lapse.

MEM.—Licence to wife of Sir W. de Romesey renewed, *vid sup.* Kal. April, 1322. Lic. eligendi Confessorem.

Lit. testimon. sup. morte.

Bp.'s certificate of verdict, touching death of Will. de Bode, alleged to be through ill-treatment of his wife. Jury, empanelled under Prior of Bath and Bp.'s mandate,[a] found that he came to Bath for sake of bathing in 1319; that he died in parish of St. Michael; and was buried in cemetery of Abbey.

Kingsbury, 18 Kal. May, 1322.

[a] The Bp. being Lord of the City of Bath by Crown grant. The instrument represents the Bp. civilly as well as ecclesiastically.

Lit. dim.

MEM.—To Rect. of Gothurst (Broun), Deac., to seek Priesthood. Wells, 15 Kal. May.

Fol. 186*b*.

Comm.

Bp. to his Official and Canon Retford. To hear and determine the suit of Treasurer Ford, touching the application of 10 mks., found on **Visitation of Martock Church**, in hands of two parishioners (Hogholes and Stokke), obtained from Treasurer Morand's Estate for repairs of Chancel, and ornaments maintainable by the Treasurers of Wells, as Rectors.

Wells, 15 Kal. May, 1322.

MEM.—Copy of Resignation of **Payan Fitzwarin**, Rect. of **Shepton Beauchamp**, made for Robt., now Rector. Same date.

Comm.

Bp.'s Commission to two Canons to inst. and ind. **Rog. de Bradenasch** to chap. of **Berwick** (by Yeovil), after inquiry, "sup. vacatione," usually made in Ruri-decanal Chapter. Pat., Jo. de Columbers. Banwell, 12 Kal. May.

Coll. Canonic.

MEM.—Bp. collated **Robt. de Wamberg**, Clerk, to Stall of **Shalford**. Request[b] to Bp. of London to induct, the "corpus" being in his diocese. Skelton by York, 3 Id. June, 1321.

[b] Note this inconvenience, *inter alia*, accruing from the Corpus of a Stall being in another diocese. The ecclesiastical law rigorously placed *all* consecrated property under the guardianship of the "Loci Diocesanus."

Dean to instal.

Bp. collated Mich. de Drokensford to Stall of Doultecote. Coll. Canon.
Same date.
Dean. Ind.

[AT FOOT.—An irregular Mem. of Commission for Exchange of Whethill and East Chinnock.]

Fol. 187*a*.

Licence to Will. de Burne, Clerk, to assign messuage and virgate at Dundry, in Chew Manor, to Prior and Brethren of St. John's, Redclyve, subject to manorial service. Lic. concessa.
Pucklechurch, 10 Kal. May.

To Rector of Yarlington (Eston), Sub-deac., to seek higher orders. Skelton, 15 Kal. June, 1322. Lit. dim.

MEM.—Tho., son of Tho. Mastel, of London, Sub-deac., admitted Rect. of R., by Commission. Pat., Bp. of Winchester, an Italian, acting by his Vicar-General also Italian. Inst. Eccl. de Rympton.
Wells, April 29.

Bp. ratified the Adm. 18 Kal. July. Ratificatio.

At petition of Merton Priory, Bp. commissioned the Dean and a Canon to hear the Treasurer of Wells in stay of execution for arrears of pension, 4 mks., due from his Rectory of Martock to Priory of Merton. Wanton, 18 Kal. July, 1322. Comm. pro Merton.

Order (same date) to Dean[a] to pay at fixed time, or appear and show cause. Executio.

[a] Dean had been probably ordered to levy the money by sequestration of Treasurer's allowances.

Fol. 187*b*.

Bp.'s Commission to Official and two Canons to leby by F. of St. James, from all "personæ,"[b] exempt and non-exempt, of Diocese, the Subsidy of 5*d*. in the mk. granted to King by late Convocation. 18 Kal. July, 1322. Comm. ad lebandum Ben. de Marca.

[b] *i.e.*, all who represented taxable offices.

Another Commission for same purpose issued to Warden of St. John's, Wells, and to Vic. of St. Cuthbert's, Rich. de Penkridge.

Comm. in Causâ Appellationis. A new Comm., with altered names, in the Marksbury appeal against Archd. of Bath. (*See above*, fol. 185.) Same date.

Breve Regis pro W Wen. **King to Bp.** "Expedition to Scotland very costly. Hasten levy. Pay into Exchequer at York by eve of St. John, July 24." York, July 6.

Test., Bp. of Exeter (Stapledon), Treasurer.

Returnum. "Levy is briskly forwarded, but transport of cash to York is too perilous for my 'familiares.' Shall it be paid to Sheriff of Somerset, or in London?" *See* King's answer, p. 205. Names of Sub-Collectors.

Fol. 188*a*.

Inst. Eccl. de Shepton Malet. **Bp. to Will. de Luttleton**, Pr., instituting to Rect. of **S. M.** Pat., Sir Jo. Beauchamp, Lord B. of Hatch, by his Seneschal. Rockborne, 8 Kal. Aug.

Then follows in French, Lord B.'s **general Proxy** to his Seneschal, Will. de Blaneford, for exercising his patronage whilst "extra patriam," specifying the Priory of Frithelstoke (Devon), Nunnery of Polslo (Devon), and Stoke-sub-Ham Chapel. Marston (magna), 10 July, 16 Ed. II, 1322.

Fol. 188*b*.

Comm. ad visitand. Priorem de Stabordale. **Bp.'s Commission to his Official** and Canon Forde. "Prior Walter de Eton is rumoured to be wasteful of the goods of House; **inquire and correct.**" Rockborne, 4 Non. Aug., 1322.

Inst. Eccl. de Henton Bluet. MEM.—**John Ammory**, Pr., inst. Rect. of **H. B.** Pat., John de Bytton. Same date.

Ind. Archd. Bath.

King to Bp. in answer. "Out of the £202 7*s.* in your hand, pay to Friars' Preachers of Langley £100, as our stated alms; transmit balance to York before Aug. 15." Breve de V Den. mittend. ap. Ebor.

York, 28 July, through Treasurer.

Bp. to Sub-Prior and Canons of Stabordale. "Having received your Prior's resignation, we monish you to elect a successor."[a] Rockborne, 13 Aug., 1322. Acceptatio Resig. Prioris de Stabordale.

[a] Thus waiving the patron's "congé d'élire," perhaps by patron's goodwill. *See* next entry but one.

Fol. 189*a*.

Bp. to Nich. de Fulflode, Pr., instituting him to Chapel of **Rodden,** consolidated to Church of Boyton (Sarum), vice Boor. Pat., Marg., widow of John Gifford, of Brymsfield. Inst. Cap. de Radene.

Rockborne, 18 Kal. Aug. Ind.

Archd. Wells.

Proxy (like Beauchamp's, folio 188), from **Ric. Lobell,** Lord of Kary Castell, given at prayer of his Canons of Stavordale, to his Seneschal, Rog. de Blokesworth, to exercise his patron's office on cession of Prior Eton. Cary, July 20, 1322. Comm. Ric. Lobell. (*French.*)

Bp. to three Commissaries. "To inquire into election of Will. de Nymfield, Canon of Keynsham, as Prior of Monast. of Stavordale, to proclaim elect, examine his "person,[b] confirm (or annul), and induct." Rockborne, Kal. Sept. Comm. in neg. Electi de Stabordell.

Latter words pieced on in later hand.

[b] *i.e.*, his legitimacy, orders, bodily defects.

Fol. 189*b*.

Bp. to four Canons. Commission to remove in form of law, R. S., possessioner, from Rect. of **Kelston,** in favour of **Will. de Barton,** presentee, whose institution is reserved. Comm. sup. amotione Rich. Stakke.

Kingsbury, 12 Kal. Oct.

Commission to Dean and three Canons, to **punish** all who shall be found to have entered Manors or Granges in quest of Ecclesiastical goods, thereby incurring major excommunication. Comm. contra malefactores qui maneria, &c.

Same date.

Fol. 190*a*.

Comm. **Commission to three Canons.** In the cause of Exors. of Dean Husee's Will, to audit the Account of the Administrator. Same date.

Inst. Vic. de Milton. MEM.—**Will. de Stok**, Pr., inst. Vic. of **Milton** by Bruton. Pat., Bruton Priory. Same date.

Ind. Archd. Wells.

Inst. Eccl. de Treburga. MEM.—**Hen. de Middelton**, Pr., inst. Rect. of **Treborough**. Pat. (this turn), Will. Fitzurse. Same date.

Ind. Archd. Taunt.

(No Heading.) **Bp. to John Grey**, Pr., Rect. of **Stoke Tristre**. In consideration of his slender benefice, and the entreaty of the noble lady Sibilla de L'Orti, granted one year's licence to serve Lady Alianore de Keynes. Wyveliscombe, Oct. 3.

(No Heading.) MEM.—Nic. de Wyke, son of John of Woky, tonsured. Oct. 3.

(No Heading.) MEM.—**John Grey**, Rect. of Stoke Tristre Chapel, "correctus fuit de incontinentiâ cum Agneta Tray," and laid under penalty of 100*s*. in event of renewal of his sin with her. Wyveliscombe, Oct. 4, 1322.

Fol. 190*b*.

Bp to **Nich. Gaylard**, Rect. of Curry Rivel. In *re* **Mortuary** on death of Will. de Chadesle. The executrix having paid the usual Mortuary, we forbid your asking more. Whatever more you do, certify us. Wyveliscombe, Oct. 3, 1322.

Lit. testimon. sup. correctione. Bp.'s certificate[a] that **John Grey** (*see* fol. 190*a*) had duly answered citation, and "correctus extitit in formâ juris." Wyveliscombe, Oct. 4.

[a] Note the slackness of the discipline exercised upon this offender. The Patron (De L'Orti) seems to have contrived a year's absence, and was able to find a domestic chaplaincy for him in spite of the nature of his sin.

Bp. to Roger de Stalbrigge, Rect. of Aller, and two monks. Commission to inspect and report on condition of all places belonging to **Athelney** Abbey, as specified in schedule. Comm.

Wyveliscombe, Oct. 1.

Bp. to John de Waleys, Pr., to act as coadjutor to his neighbour, the Vicar of Kewstoke. Deputatio Coadj. de Kywestok.

Superseded in Dec. *See* fol. 193*b*.

Fol. 191*a*.

MEM.—**Bp. committed** to **J. de Bromfeld**, Clerk, custody of the office, person, and property of **Rector of C.**, out of his mind. Lit. Coadj. Rect. de Cosington, fatui.

Wyveliscombe, 6 Id. Nov.

In *re* **Sub-Dean Yatton's Appeal in Roman Curia** against Papal delegate's decision,[a] ousting Sub-Dean's Jurisdiction in Wells, &c. Proctor's Statement of Case in Court, with Plea for Excommunication of Bp. and Chapter for their treatment of Sub-Dean's rights. Libellus Subdecani contra Epum. et Capit. Well.

[a] The appeal succeeded in bringing the Bp. and Chapter to a compromise (*see* fol. 197*b*).

IN MARGIN.—The Bull obtained by Sub-Dean against them and Sir J. Clevedon is in the Registrar's hands.

To Rich. Cnolton, Rect. of Butleigh, Sub-deac., to seek higher orders. Wyveliscombe, 13 Kal. Nov., 1322. Lit. dim.

Bp. to Rect. of Cury Rivel, reciting Bull, granting to Rich. **de Burton** (? Pynsent) the right of building a **Manorial Chapel** in parish of C. R., and maintaining Chaplain. Bp. grants to John (son of Richard?), the limited use of Chapel. The Chaplain to swear yearly allegiance to Mother Church. Lit. conc. Jo. de Burton pro cantaria in curia sua.

Wyveliscombe, 3 Kal. Nov., 1322.

MEM.—Bp. admitted two Friars Minors of Bridgewater to hear confessions. Wyveliscombe, Id. Non. Admissio Fratrum.

Fol. 192*a*.

Comm. sup. inquisitione et sequest. bonorum.

Bp.'s Commission to Rector of Thorne and Vicar of Taunton. "John Maister, of Taunton Deanery, having died **intestate**, and his goods therefore falling to Bp.'s disposition, inquire what goods, and where; make inventory. The Constable of T. is associated with you, that he may retain what is due to his Lord, the Bp. of Winton. We reserve administration of residue. Report by Martinmas." Wyveliscombe, 3 Non. Nov., 1322.

Defect. natal.

Bp. to Will. (son of) Alexander of Weston, Clerk, illegitimate. "Having inquired, as bidden by Papal letter, we licence you for ordination and benefice." Same date.

Lit. dim.

MEM.—To Adam de Taunton, Acol. (given a title), to seek all orders. 8 Id. Nov.

Comm. ad inquir. de quodam Monast.

Blank form[a] of Commission to inquire touching a Monastery under incompetent Abbot. Wyveliscombe, Oct. 13, 1322.

[a] Note the practice of keeping forms in blank, which deducts from the value of the terms used. Some episcopal registers abound in blank forms.

Fols. 192*b*, 193*a*.

Bulla pro celebratione Festi St. Tho. de Hereford.

Bull canonizing Bp. Tho. de Cantelupe, of Hereford, appointing as his Feast Oct. 2, reciting his merits, death at Roman Curia, and miracles, at great length. Indulgences to pilgrims visiting tomb either yearly, two years, or two quadragnas (Lents?); relaxation of penance for single visit, 100 days.

Avignon, 4th of Pontif.

Comm. pro purgatione clerici.

Bp. to two Canons. To admit to **purgation**, Rich. Ingram, Clerk, convicted by King's Justices, as far as they might,[b] at Somerton, of slaying John de Taverner, Burgess of Wells.

Banwell, 3 Kal. Dec., 1322.

[b] This qualification challenges the right of the lay court to convict a clerk.

Lit. direct. Regi.

Bp. to King, requesting aid of secular arm against Joan Reynolds, excommunicated and contumacious over 40 days. (*See* fol. 195*b*.) Yatton, Jan. 12, 1322–23.

Bp. to Four Canons, and to Rec. of Lympsham. "Admit to **purgation** four Clerks, 'irretiti felonicè,' for various robberies." The crimes and usual particulars of purgation are specified. Banwell, Oct. 1, 1322. Comm. pro Clericiss. incarceratis.

Bp. to Barth. Delamore, Pr. "John Yonne, being blind and aged, and, together with patron, consenting, we appoint you **custos** of his person, revenues, and of the duties of Vic. of **Kewstoke,** on oath to render account." Banwell, Nov. 3, Dec. 1322. Deputatio Coadjut. de Kyustoke.

Bp. to Tho., Bp. of Worcester. Commission to effect proposed exchange between Vicar of Bedminster-cum-Redclyve and Sapperton, saving to himself induction to B. Same date. Comm. in permutatione Vic. de Redclybe.

John of Estwater, in Priddy, freed, at instance of Sir Matthew Clyvedon. Banwell, Sept. 25. Manum.

MEM.—**Commission to Official** and two Canons, to admit Rich. Ingram, Clerk, in form as above (fol. 193*a*). Wells Bailiff to produce R. I. and other Clerks in Bp.'s gaol to the Commissaries. Banwell, Jan. 19, 1322–23. Comm. ad recipiend. Purgationem.

Fol. 194*a*.

Bond to Sir J. de C. and heirs for **payment** of £6 per ann. during life of Jo. Tryvet, for lands which Bp. has from gift of Sir J. de C.,[a] at Okehampton in Wyveliscombe. Banwell, Dec. 16, 16th Ed. II. Obligatio Epi. contra J. de Clybedon. (*French.*)

[a] *i.e.*, Sir J. C. surrendered to the Lord for yearly payment a lifehold in the Manor.

Bp. to Pope. "In *re* **Tho., called Le Strong,** wishing to serve God as a regular at Glastonbury, and bearing your letters, I monished Abbot to receive him. His reasons against it are :— Certificatorium Dno. Papae pro Tho. Strong. Cler.

"1. That Tho. has obtained the letters by suppressing truth; for, by grace of Holy See, he is sufficiently provided 'de nobis et nostro.'

"2. A papal order does not tie us to confer a benefice, unless it specifies 'de indulto,' *i.e.*, the precise thing granted.

"3. Tho. suppressed the fact, viz., that we have our complement of monks according to the Canons and our income."

Banwell, Oct. 4, 1322.

Note this bold effort of the Abbot to withstand the encroachments of Papal provision. It is evident that the Glaston. Monk's condition was not too austere to be coveted.

Adm. Fratris. MEM.—A Minorite of the Bristol Priory admitted to hear confessions. 7 Id. Dec.

Comm. in Causâ de Merton. Bp.'s Commission to his Official W. de Edington, and two Canons, in lieu of last Commission, to hear and determine the claim of Merton against Treasurer Ford. Banwell, 6 Id. Dec.

See fol. 197*a*, another Commission.

Lit. pro Notario Publ. **Bp. to Abp.** Pope John XXII having granted you the appointment of a notary, recommended by a Suffragan, we commend Nic. de Bath, Clerk.

Banwell, St. Andrew's Day, 1322.

Repeated Jan. 3.

Carta Tho. Webenysh. **Bp.'s Grant to T. D.,** "Our Burgess of Wells," and heirs, of a place adjoining his house in Grope Lane, held of See at 5*s.* per ann. Banwell, Dec. 15, 1322.

Test., five Canons, two Knights, Rodney and Wellesleigh, three others.

Commenda Eccl. de Rympton. **Bp. to Archd. of Wells.** "Give corporal possession of Church of Rimpton to John de Cotteford, whom we, in absence of Patron's nominee, admit "in commendam." Same date.

See fol. 197*a*.

Fol. 195*a*.

Lic. Rect. de Ibelton. Leave of absence till Michaelmas to Rect. of Yeobilton (Harpham) to serve the Dean of Arches; subject to repairing Rectory House as needed. For this R. de Alresford engages.

Banwell, Dec. 13.

Bp. to Rectors and Vicars, commending to kind reception a Bristol Minorite, admitted to hear **confessions** and preach according to the Constitution of Pope Bon. VIII. Same date. Adm. Fratris.

Bp. to Jo. de Eton, Rect. of **H. Littleton,** Pr. Licence to **lease** his Rectory for four years to Abbot of Keynsham,[a] who may hold it free of episcopal inspection, spiritual duties being provided for. Same date. Lic. dimittendi Eccl. ad firmam.

[a] The Abbot was to succeed by appropriation to the perpetual Rectory.

Bp. to J. de Corf, Minorite, authorising him to hear confessions of the **family of Sir Jo. de Beauchamp,** Knight, "in foro penitentiali," even in cases reserved to Bp. Same date. Comm. audiendi Confess.

MEM.—**Phil. de Halsted,** Acol., inst. Rect. of **Charlton Musgrobe.** Pat., Jo. de Bures, "jure uxoris" viz., Hawys, daughter and heiress of Robt. Musgros. Same date. Inst. Eccl. de Cherleton.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

MEM.—**John Garbe,** Acol., inst. Rect. of **Brean.** Pat., John Burcy, "ex[b] acquisitione patronatus factâ de Robt. de Berkle, ut dicit Inquisitio." Same date. Inst. Eccl. de Breon.

[b] Another instance of sale of Advowson.

Two brothers from Emworth, Hants (whose litt. dim. are given in full) and Jo. Bate, of Tykenham, tonsured. Coronati apud Yatton.

Fol. 195*b*.

Edm. and Matt., two sons of Sir Jo. de Clyvedon, and John de Ken tonsured. Dec. 29, 1322. Coronati.

Bp. to Abp., renewing request on behalf of **Nic. de Bath for Notary's** place (*see* fol. 194*a*); adds as necessary qualifications, that he is a Clerk, not in Holy Orders,[c] not married. Lit. Archiepo. pro off. tabellionatus.

Yatton, Jan. 3, 1322–23.

[c] *i.e.*, below Sub-deacon.

Comm. in Causâ Testamenti Malherbe.

Bp. to two Canons. To hear suit of Robt. de S. Maugan, our Chaplain, **Executor of Sir Will. Malherbe,** against co-executors for inspection of "tabulæ" of the will, and for winding-up executorship. Yatton, Non. Jan.

Inst. Vicarii de Redeclybe.

John Hamond, Pr., adm. Vic. of **Bedminster** cum Redclyve, by exchange for Sapperton. Id. Jan. 7, in Yatton Church.

Ordinati primâ tonsurâ.

In Yatton Church, first S. in Epip., Joh. Champflur, Will. Fraunceys.

Comm. pro computo D. Ben. de Marcâ.

Bp., as diocesan collector of the 5*d.* subsidy, to a Glastonbury Monk (Nye), and to H. de Fulham, Clerk, appointing them **Proctors** to render account to King's Exchequer at York, of the diocesan levy, before Jan. 28. Yatton, Jan. 11.

Lit. certificatoria, &c.

Archd.'s Official (Wells) **to Bp.,** reporting Joan Reynolds as being excommunicated for continually defaming the Rect. of West Coker as a homicide, and as persistently defying censures of Church. Marston, Non. Jan.

Lit. direct. Regi pro captione.

Bp. to King, renewing petition for writ against Joan R., "pro captione." Yatton, Jan. 12.

Lic. audiendi confess.

Two Minorites of Bristol presented and licensed as confessors and preachers in lieu of two others. Banwell, 7 Kal. Feb.

Fol. 196*b*.

Ordin. Vic. B. M. de Stalles (Bath).

Bp.'s Decree for settling the vicarial endowment of **St. Mary in Bath** [with Widcombe Chapel], hitherto undefined, and so leading to strife between the Priory, the Appropriators, and the Vicar, J. de Didmarton. The Vicar to have manse, &c., tithe of wool and hay in Widcombe, Lyncombe, and Berwick, with milk and small tithes, obituary services, legacies, and all customary dues,

and to find resident Chaplain at Widcombe. Prior to have great tithes of the villeinage and of other parishioners in Lyncombe, of lands of John de Weston, and the Brethren of St. Mary Magdalen; to bear all "onera." One copy to be kept in Priory, one by Bp.'s registrar. Wyveliscombe, Id. Feb.

Bp. to Edm. de Stourton, Monk, of Glastonbury, S.T.P. Licence to hear the Monks' confessions, "vacante monasterio," even in Bp.'s reserved cases. Same date. Comm. ad aud. Confess.

Bp. to Canons Retford and Ford, revoking Commission in Sub-dean's jurisdiction. Wyveliscombe, 3 Non. Feb., 1322–3.

See fol. 197*a* for the settlement.

Fol. 197*a*.

MEM.—Rich. le Duke, Acol., illegitimate, dispensed, under Papal Letter (inserted). Wyveliscombe, 9 Kal. March. Def. Nat.

MEM.—**Nic. de Lyllington** inst. Rect. of **R.** Pat., Bp. of Winchester, by Vicar-General. Wyveliscombe, Kal. March. Inst. Eccl. de Rympton.

See fol. 194*b*.

Bp. to Rectors, &c., of Taunton Archdeaconry. **Commending** to kind reception a Friar Preacher, licensed (under the Constitution of Pope Boniface, Sup. Cath.) to preach and receive lay confessions through the Archdeaconry. Lic. audiend. Conf.

Wyveliscombe, Kal. March, 1322–3.

Licence for Lent Assizes up to Palm Sunday, to Sir Jo. de Stoner, &c. "tempore quoad hoc (*i.e.*, as to oaths) feriato non obstante." Wyveliscombe, 6 Non. March, 1322–3. Comm. de Assisis.

Commission to Bp.'s Official and Can. Retford to terminate the **Merton** suit against Treasurer Ford. Comm. de Merton.

Wyveliscombe, 3 Non. Feb.

See above, fol. 193, and below, fol. 197*b*.

Fol. 197*b*.

Comm. contra Subdec. Well.

Proxy to two Canons to act for Bp. and Chapter in **Subdean's suit**, and to treat with Chapter for pacific settlement.

Wyveliscombe, 2 Kal. Feb.

See fol. 191*a*.

Comm. in neg. Ric. de Chistleton.

Bp., as (Papal) "Judex unicus," commissions **Canon Husey** to hear case of R. T., Rect. of **Lympsham**, against some Wiltshire men, who beat him in streets of Salisbury.

Second **Commission to Dean** (Rural) of Amesbury to **cite** offenders to Wells consistory. Yatton, 5 Id. Jan.

Lit. gen. sententiae.

Bp. to Dean of Amesbury (who was also a Canon of Sarum). The offenders not appearing before Commissary at Wells, he proceeded "per viam notorii," took prosecutor's evidence of open outrage, and issued sentence of Excomm. This to be published in Cathedral[a] and other Churches.

Wyveliscombe, 7 Id. March, 1322.

[a] *i.e.*, Sarum, beyond the Bp.'s authority as Ordinary. He was now acting as a Papal delegate.

Fol. 198*a*.

Comm. de Testam. Ric. Rodneye.

Bp. to two Canons. Commission to **receive Oaths** of the Widow and co-executors of Sir Rich. de R.'s Will.

Wyveliscombe, 16 Kal. April.

Compotus Testam. Will. de Montacuto.

Sir Will.'s **Widow and her co-executor**, Rect. of Chedzoy, appeared before Bp. with will, inventories, tallies, &c., and rendered **final account.** Letters issued to divers Deans to publish the fact, where deceased had property.

Wyveliscombe, 8 Id. March.

See entry next but one.

Lit. dim.

MEM.—To Rob. Attemulle, of Thorn Margaret, Acol., for Holy Orders, if found "idoneus" in title, morals, and knowledge.

Wyveliscombe, 7 Kal. April, 1322–23.

Discharge of Sir Will.'s **executors** decreed and sealed. After challenge published in churches through R. Deans, no claims on the estate appeared. Wyveliscombe, 10 Kal. April, 1322–23. Absolutio Eorum. Will. de Montecuto.

Fol. 198*b*.

Proxy of Canon Jo. de Winchelsey for **resigning Stall of Barton,** verified by seal and attestation of Rog., Bp. Sarum. Sonning, 9 Kal. April, 1322-23. Procurator. ad Resig.

Full formula, as delivered by Proctor in Bp.'s camera. Forma Resig.

Test., Canon And. de Drokensford and five Chaplains, by Sir Will. de Henley, and others. Certified by Notary. Wyveliscombe, March 31, 1323.

MARG. NOTE.—Showing that the resignation had been difficult to get, and that the Bp. desired further indemnity.

Robt. de Baldock,[a] Pr., Pro. Civ. Law., collated to the **Stall.** 2 Kal. Ap. Coll. Ind.

Dean.

[a] He became Lord High Chancellor in 1324, and Archd. of Middlesex. The Chapter sought his influence at the Rom. Curia in their suit for canonization of Bp. de March. Lib. Alb., 172.

MEM.—These documents are with Bishop's Registrar, also the letters supplicatory of the King, Queen, and Abp.

Fol. 199*a*.

Proxy from And. de Drokensford, Clerk, for his Rect. of St. Maugan, in Kyrier (Cornwall), to Robt. de St. Maugan, Chaplain, in widest terms, to answer for him to all authorities, and specially in Tithe-suit with Prior of St. Mich. in Monte, Cornwall. Wyveliscombe, 4 Non. April. Procurat. And. de Drok.

MEM.—**Bp. gave**[b] to Sir Elias Cotele, and **manumitted** Will. de Attepurye, serf "de homagio" Wellington. If ordained Priest, he is to offer services to the See. Wyveliscombe, April 4. Datio et Manumiss.

[b] The assignment was for the purpose of manumission and ordination, and must have been made under a pledge from the new patron to educate his freed man.

Inst. Eccl. de Peret.

MEM.—Jo. de Pitney, Clerk (whose dispensation for illegitimacy is with the Bishop's Registrar), inst. Rect. of Perrott, resigned by Henry. Pat., Sir Henry de L'Orti. Being found insufficient "in cantu et ad regimen animarum," the rector is to nominate to the Bp. for examination a chaplain for one year.

Wyveliscombe, 5 Id. April.

Ind. Archd. Wells.

Lic. eligendi Confessor.

MEM.—Licence to Payan, son of Lord J. de Mohun, to choose a circumspect chaplain for his own confessor, for one year. Same date.

Potest. absolvendi concessa Abb. Glaston.

MEM.—Bp. granted till Christmas to Adam (de Sodbury), Abbot of Glastonbury, authority to absolve his monks in cases reserved by Canons to Bp. Taunton, 17 Kal. May, 1323.

Fol. 199*b*.

Confessio de Fli. deb. Epo.

Rob. de Stalbridge, Rect. of Aller, acknowledged to owe to Bp. £10 (payable at Wells) as a judgment debt, in presence of two Canons and a Notary sitting in Bruton Priory (probably a mulct). 18 Kal. May, 1323.

Comm. in Neg. Provisionis.

Bp. to two Canons, empowering them to carry out Papal Provision granted to Rich. Rokbare, poor Clerk, against Taunton Priory. Herleigh, 6 Kal. May.

Comm. Officialitatis.

Bp. to Canon Jo.* de Wamberg. Revocable appointment as Official. Wanton, Kal. May, 1323.

* There were two Canons, Jo. and Robert de W., both legal experts. Robert is meant here, miscalled John, *see* fol. 200*a*. The late official, W. de Edington, died in 1322.

Lit. dim.

To Walter de Hulle, Rect. of Binegar, Sub-deac., for Deacon's orders. Wanton, 4 Non. May.

Comm. in Causâ Appellationis, &c.

Bp. to Canons Retford and Thos. Haselschaw. Commission to terminate the Rector of Marksbury's appeal (*see*

above), he having now appealed against previous commissaries, "ad audientiam[a] nostram." Wyveliscombe, 3 Id. April, 1323.

[a] Was this what was technically called a court of audience, or only a personal hearing in revision of the commissaries?

Commission to Canons Retford and R. de Wamberg, to terminate cause of **Martock** Pension, claimed from Treasurer Ford. Wyveliscombe, Non. March. Comm. in Causâ Thesaurariae Well.

(*Vid.* fol. 193–199*b*.)

Bp. to **Hugh de Melplach**, Acol., inst. to Rect. of **Curry Malet**, vice Nic. Poynz, resigned. Pat., Hugh Poynz, Lord of C. M. Pirbright, 3 Kal. June, 1323. Inst. Eccl. de Cory Maleth.

Archd. Taunt. Ind.

Bp. to his Official, R. de Wamberg. "If satisfied with the Inquisition de 'vacatione,' inst. and ind. **Will. de Kayner** to Vic. of **Batheaston**." Pirbright, Kal. June. Comm. ad Inst. et Ind. Vic. de Batheneston.

MEM.—Two pairs of Brothers, of Kilmington (Culmeton), tonsured at Evercreech. St. Peter's Day, 1323. Coronati.

Sub-prior and Conv. of Bath to Bp. "The Ordinance lately made for our kitchen by unanimous consent of Prior, &c., has been in use. We pray you confirm it, as one that works smoothly." Bath, 2 Non. July, 1323. Lit. direct. Epo.

Robt., Prior of Bath, &c., to Bp. "**The Visitation** of this Church, 'vestræ et notræ,' having been adjourned at our request and your kindness (for which we thank you), to the F. of Decollation of St. Jo. Bapt. (August 29), we beg that it may then proceed, in spite of harvest." Bath, July 6. Lit. direct. Epo.

Coronati apud Clyvedon, in Capella Dni. Jo. de C., milit.

This title is written in large type over ten names of persons tonsured by Bp. on first S. in Sept., 1323. John de Alre, being illegitimate, was dispensed according to Bonifacian constitution, "Is qui patitur," in Sixth Bk. of Decrees, by request of the Lady of Clyvedon.

Fol. 200*b*.

Inst. Eccl. S. Jo. B. Yhelchester.

MEM.—**Rich. de Rypon**, Acol., inst. Rect. of **St. Jo. Bapt., Ilchester**, vacant two years. Pat., King. Yatton, July, 1323.

Lit. testimonialis.

Certificate from Abp.'s Official and Commissary-General, York, of death of **Hen. de Sengham**, last Rect., on sworn evidence.

Lit. testimonialis.

Also, from same, of qualifications of R. de R., "liber, legitimus, ætatis 26, literatus, non alibi beneficiatus, nil canonico obstante."

Lit. testimonialis.

Also, from the Chapter of St. Wilfrid's, Ripon, touching his conversation.

Lit. testimonialis.

Also from the Abp. (dated Cawood), after "inspeximus," confirming his Official's certificates.

Lit. dim.

MEM.—To John Schort, of Meriet, Acol., for Sub-deacon's orders. Chew, Id. July.

Comm. de Test. Decani Husee.

MEM.—**Bp. to his Official**, Wamberg, and Can. Retford. A new Commission, *in re* **Dean Husee's Will.** To examine an instrument alleged by a co-executor, and to terminate suit. Same date.

Coronati.

Two brothers of Wolfrinton (Wolverton), Scholars, tonsured at Chew, on F. of St. Marg., July 20, 1323.

Coronati.

Two persons, newly manumitted, one by J. Earl of Surrey, the other by Bp., from Chew, tonsured at Banwell, July 31, 1323.

Comm. in neg. de Rokbere.

Bp., as **Papal Judex**, to two Canons, authorizing them to proceed with Rokbere's **Provision.** Banwell, Kal. Aug., 1323.

See p. 216.

Ratificatio Statuti Editi per Capit.

Reg. 1, 163.

Bp. ratifies the capitular **decree**, allowing to the Canons, in spite of custom, the option of having before them in day hours, as well as night, their books, "cum lumine proprio," the statutes not requiring "corde tenus" recitation. The Vicars not to benefit by this grant, lest they should become more negligent than ever. Same date.

Bp. to **Peter de Esse**, Pr., conferring Rect. of **Blagdon** in commendam for full term allowed. Patron's consent. Banwell, Aug. 3. Commenda Eccl. de Blakedon.

Geoffry le Blunt, scholar (by lit. dim. from Linc. Dio.), in Banwell Chapel, Sun. after Assumption, tonsured. Coll. Tonsurae.

Fol. 201*b*.

Church of Mere dedicated by Bp. at petition of Adam, Abbot of Glastonbury, and J. de Bourne, Vicar, in honor of B. V. M., All Saints, and especially S. Benignus, Confessor. Aug. 7, 1323. .... de dedicatione Eccl. de Mere.

MEM.—**Nic. de Wedergrabe**, Clerk, inst. (one year's study to follow) to Rect. of **Mapperton**. Pat., King, by Wardship of heir of Rog. de Meolis. At Mere, same date. Inst. Eccl. de Mappreton.

To **Robt. de Upton**, Rect. of **Shepton Beauchamp**, licence to **lease** benefice to Walter de Hulle, Clerk, for two years; granted on account of parochial strife, not caused by him. Proviso for Proctor, alms, and spiritual duties. Blackford, same date. Lic. dimittendi ad firmam.

To **Sim. de Lym**, Vic. of St. M. M. Chapel, **Taunton**, licence for **pilgrimage** to foreign shrines, in discharge of vow, and further to visit Roman Curia on business. Same provisoes. Banwell, 4 Kal, Aug. Lic Peregrinationis.

Bp. to two Canons. To examine inquisition touching **Elias Walwayn**, Clerk, Rect. (nominate) of **High Ham**, with power to inst. and induct. Yatton, 4 Non. Sept. Comm. de Presentatione.

NOTE.—At instance of Canon J. Walwayn.

Sewn on the edge of this folio is a Paper-record of the Members pertaining to Crewkerne Church, and dues accruing therefrom. It is a terrier of the endowments of C. in the 3rd Ed. VI.

Fol. 202*a* to end of 205*a*.

Royal Writs and Bp.'s Returns thereto.

Fol. 205*b*.

Bp.'s Grants of Land and Houses in fee, 16 & 17 Ed. II, for perp. rents.

1. To Bartholomew, of Wellington, in Bp.'s Borough of W., a plot adjoining St. Andrew's Churchyard, at 32*s*. per ann.

Test., Sir Jo. Clyvedon, Jo. de Erlegh, Knts.; Nic. de Palton, and others. Yatton, July 8.

2. To Jo. Galoun, curtilage at N. Gate of Bath, called Lotyate, 12*d*. per ann.

Test., Sir Jo. de Weston and Reg. de Montfort, Knts.; Will. Cheyney, Jo. de Champneys, &c. Yatton, July 5.

3. To Rich. the Millward of Bath,[a] a place by the Gaol of Bath, 11*s*. per ann. Same date and witnesses.

4. To Rich. le Columball, two shops in Somer's Street, Bath, 9*s*. 6*d*. Same date and witnesses.

5. To Tho. Perlonte, two shops in Bath, 11*s*. Evercreech, June 20, same witnesses.

Note the alienation of the episcopal estates in Bath for unimprovable chief-rents. It had its justification probably in the decay of the buildings, and of the city generally. Were these grants confirmed by the Chapters?

[a] The witnesses were the same at Yatton and Evercreech, showing that they formed the Bp.'s moving retinue.

Fol. 206*a*.

Lit. dim. MEM.—To Rect. of Binegar (Hulle), Deac., for Priest's orders. Yatton, 8 Id. Sept., 1323.

MEM.—To Rect. of Portishead (Tho.), Subdeac., Deacon's orders. Yatton, 8 Id. Sept., 1323.

Indulgentia. **Bp. to his Official, Dean, Archdeacons, Abbots,** &c. Commending (for one year) to alms of faithful the **Hospital** (in

London) called **St. Thomas**[a] **de Acon**, or Acres, grievously oppressed by the foes of Christ. One or two laymen to be delegated as collectors. Sept. 6, 1323.

[a] Founded by Abp. Thos. A'Beckett's sister, on site of her Father's Ho., in aid of the Templars, whose fall it was probably now feeling. It survived till Hen. VIII's time.

Bp. to Rects. of Chew and Harptre, appointing them guardians of mis-managed **Nunnery of Barrow.** The Prioress to be restrained from wandering without leave. Yatton, Sept. 6, 1323. Comm. pro Prioratu de Barwe.

See Hugo, p. 13.

To Rect. of Cucklington (Hildebrand), for Deacon's orders. Same date. Lit. dim.

MEM.—**Bp. granted an anniversary** for soul of Bp. Will. Bytton I, in Lady Chapel, Wells, at request (and cost?) of the Treasurer, to be celebrated by J. de Tanton, Vicar. Banwell, 3 Kal. Sept. Conc. unius Annualis.

Bp. as executor of the **Papal Provision** in favour of Will. Coude, poor Clerk, against Glastonbury Abbey, and to Robt. de Wamberg, his official, to inquire into character and circumstances, and act for Bishop in the case. Evercreech, Sept. 7, 1323. Comm. de Provisione.

Fol. 206*b*.

To. J. de Horput, Canon of Keynsham Abbey, for Subdeacon's orders. Dogmersfield, 13 Kal. Oct. Lit. dim.

To Rect. of Writhlington (Gaydon), Acol., for same. Stockwell, 8 Kal. Oct. Lit. dim.

To Rect. of St. John's, Ilchester (Rypon), Acol., for same. Same date. Lit. dim.

To Robt. de Ilford, Clerk, for minor orders. Same date. Lit. dim.

Three collectors appointed to receive from Bailiffs, &c., the **Bp.'s revenue,** giving receipts, and accounting to Bp. on his return. Stockwell, Sept. 28. Comm. ad collig. pecuniam de Firmis Episcopi.

Coll. tonsurae. MEM.—Bp. tonsured two brothers, de Pelham, scholars, and one literate, in his London Chapel, at Bp. of London's request, on St. Wolfram's Day, 1323.

Inst. Eccl. de E. Ludeford. MEM.—**Tho. de Reigni** inst. Rect. of **East Lydford.** Pat., Will. de Reigni. Pirbright, Oct. 31, 1323.

Ind. Archd. Wells.

Fol. 207*b*.

Lit. testimonial. de ea. quod non potuit, &c. **Jo. de Pytteney,** Rect. of **Perrott,** waiting on Bp. at his Manor-house of Wanton (Winton Dio.), implored Bp. to ordain him Sub-deac. on that day (Ember Day, in Dec.), having failed to find an ordaining Bp. The Bp. having no time to obtain commission from Bp. of Winton, gave him an indemnity, to save him from consequences of postponement.

Wanton, 6 Kal. Jan., 1323.

Note the extreme inconvenience caused to the Clergy by the Bp.'s absence, and by his practice of giving litt. dim. for ordination in other dioceses. J. de P. was ordained Subdeacon, somewhere before March, 1324, when he obtained litt. dim. for seeking Deacon's orders.

See fol. 214*a*

Coll. Bomarum. MEM.—Bp. collates **Canon Tho. Hereward** to House, late Everdon's, for the term of his canonry. Same date.

Inst. Eccl. de Camelarton. MEM.—**Robt. de Conyngesby,** Acol., inst. Rect. of **Camerton,** vice Conyngsby, resigned. Pat., Sir Elyas Cotele. Same date.

Ind. Archd. Wells.

Forma Resign. MEM.—Besides the resignation deed, lodged with Registrar, Walter de Con. **resigned in person** to Bp. at Wanton. Present, two Proctors, Robt. de St. Maugan, Priest, Walter de Wherwell, (Bp.'s barber), and others. Same date.

Lit. dim. MEM.—To Rect. of St. J., Ilchester (Rypon), for Priest's orders. London, 19 Kal. Jan.

Fol. 207*b*.

To two Monks, of Bath, Deacons, for Priest's orders, at Prior's request. London, 3 Id. Dec., 1323. Lit. dim.

Canon Wamberg collated to **House, late Plymstock's**, subject to repairing it. Same date. Coll. Domorum.

To Tho. de Compton, Deac. (no benefice), for Priest's orders (given a title). Same date. Lit. dim.

John Brabazon, S.T.P., Pr., collated to Canonry, vice **Plymstok**, deceased. 19 Kal. Jan., 1323. Coll. Canonic.

Tho. de Stapeldon, collated to Canonry, vice Burne. Wanton, 10 Kal. Jan. Coll. Canonic.

Dean to both Stalls. Ind.

MEM.—To **Will. de Suleham**, Clerk, 1 mk., "de camerâ," till beneficed. Stockwell, 7 Kal. Dec. Ann. Pensio.

To **Nic. de Hugate**, Queen's Clerk, at request of Queen and her son, Earl of Chester (Ed. III), 5 mks., "de camerâ," until provided in Wells Cathedral; his services likely to be useful to the Church. Wanton, Dec. 28. Ann. Pensio.

Bp., as Patron, to Brethren of St. John's Hosp., Wells, vacant by Master Walter's death, ordering them to elect a Master. Wanton, 6 Non. Jan. Lic. eligendi Priorem.

This ought to *follow* next entry.

Brethren of St. John's to Bp. Petition for immediate[a] "congé d'élire," in pity to their poverty. Lit. direct. Epo. per Fratres.

[a] *i.e.*, omitting commission and other forms, costing fees.

Fol. 208*a*.

Bp. to Tho. Basset, Sub-deac., instituting him to Chaplaincy in Church of **Puckington**, vice Champion, deceased. Pat., Alice de Cnovill (Knowle), Lady of Puckington, "hac vice." Litt. dim. for higher orders. Wanton, 2 Non. Feb. Inst. Cap. de Pokynton.

Archd. T. Ind.

Lit. dim. MEM.—To Rect. of Compton Martin (Delabarre) for Priest's orders. Stockwell, Id. March, 1323–24.

MEM.—To Rect. of Curry Malet (Melplach) for Sub-deacon's orders. London, 3 Kal. March.

MEM.—To Rect. of Penne (Stok) for Sub-deacon's orders. London, 16 Kal. July, 1324.

Fols. 208*b*, 209*a*.
[*Blank.*]

Fol. 209*b*.

Lit. missa Dno. Papae. **Abp. of Cant. and Bps.** of Exeter, Bath, Winchester, &c., to **Pope**, setting forth in strong terms the evils of the discord between France and England; praying Pope's **mediation** to bring France to a truce, and so to a peaceful settlement, which the King of England desired. Westminster, Kal. Jan., 1324.

[Very wordy and very faint.]

Fol. 210.
[*Omitted in paging.*]

Fol. 211*a*.

Appropriatio Eccl. de Congresbury. **Appropriation of Rect. of C.** to D. and C. for their "communa," by Bp. Will. Bytton I, at their petition, asserting that, if the greater part of Canons resided, their income would not suffice for the quotidian allowances. Bp. acted as Patron,[a] and had consent of Rector (Jo. de Bytton) and of Chapter of Bath. The Vicarage was ordained to be in Bp.'s collation, to consist of third part of revenues of Church, all small tithes, legacies, oblations of altars in Church and Chapel of Wyke, all tithes of grain and hay in Wyke; with third of domain (glebe?) of Chapel, and a manse; and third of tithe of acre of wood. Vicar to support all the services, synodals, and "cathedraticum," and other onera, "pro rata," with the D. and C. N.B.—No exempt jurisdiction.

Wells, 17 Kal. May, 1259.

[a] Bp. Jocelin acquired manor and advowson from Crown, *temp.* John. *See* Collinson Vol. iii, for Vicarage endowment.

Fol. 211*b*.

Exchange of Steeple Labington (Wilts) for **Uphill.** Bp. of Sarum commissions Bp. to effect exchange between the Incumbents by receiving resignation, instituting and inducting. Comm. Epi. de Sar. pro permutatione.

Ramsbury Park, 14 Kal. Oct., 1323.

Bp.'s Certificate of his discharge of the Commission. Certificator. de Commissione.

See Institutions, fol. 212*a*.

Bp. to his Official, Canon Wamberge, in *re* exchange between Rector of **Yarlington** (Eston) and Canon Husee, Rect. of Charlwood (Winton), Abp.'s Peculiar; to examine reasons for exchange; if good, to carry out other steps. Comm. in Permutatione.

London, 2 Kal. Oct., 1323.

Fol. 212*a*.

Bp.'s Proxy to two Clerks to act in the **Curia** in *re* Binegar Rectory. Shireburne (Wint. Dio.), 14 Kal. July, 1323. Procurat. ad Curiam Rom. pro Benhangre.

Bp. to Will. de Eberdon, Clerk in King's Exchequer, **five marks.,** "de camerâ," until provided with Prebend. Oct. 6, 1323. Ann. Pensio.

Bp. to J. de Kynemersford, instituting him to Rect. of **U.** Pat., Phil. de Lange. Stockwell, 5 Kal. Oct. Inst. Eccl. de Uphull.

Archd. of Wells, or Dean of Axbridge. Ind.

Bp. to **J. de Gydding,** instituting him to **S. L.,** reciting exchange. Same date. Inst. Vic. de Stepel-labington.

See fol. 211.

Fol. 212*b*.

Bp., sitting (*i.e.*, "in formâ juris") within Palace of Westminster, constituted, in their absence, **Rich. de Thistledon** and two other **Proctors** to act in Rom. Curia. Present, his Official, the Notary, and Henry de Fulham. Oct. 7, 1323. Procur. ad Cur. Rom. sub manu publicâ (*i.e., with Notary Public present*) ad contradicend.

NOTE.—The original handed to Mallyng, one of the Proctors, at Wanton.

Comm. pro Epo. Karliol et Priore de Hext.

Bp.'s Proxy to two Northerners, as in other years, to recover arrears of rents due from Bp. of Carlisle, and Prior of Hexham.

Comm. in permutatione.

Bp. to Precentor Colyton of Exeter, in *re* **exchange** of Canonries of **Wells** and **Crediton**; the latter held by Archd. of Taunton. Approve exchange, if reasonable, and take all needful steps.

Dogmersfield, 6 Id. Nov., 1323.

NOTE, showing presence of Bp. of Exon's messengers. His consent as patron was needed.

Fol. 213*a*.

Comm. de Permutatione.

Bp. to his Official, authorizing him to complete **Exchange** between Hen., Rect. of **W. Harpetree,** and Walter, Vic. of **Congresbury,** sanctioned by Bp., both as patron and diocesan.

Dogmersfield, 6 Id. Nov., 1323.

Coll. Vic. de Congresbury.

Bp. to **Hen. de Lisle,** instituting him to Vic. of **C.**

Same date.

Lit. dim.

To Rect. of Claverton, Frankleyn, to seek Deacon's orders.

Same date.

Comm. ad colligend. pecunias, &c.

Commission to Barth. de Wellington, Clerk, to **collect payments** from all Bp.'s Bailiffs, &c. Pirbright, Nov. 17, 1323.

Same terms as last, p. 221.

Fol. 213*b*.

Comm. pro Mgro. de Plumstock, &c.

Bp. to Dean. "It has been the custom of realm for beneficed Clerks to be cited in matters of the 'Forum regium' through their Diocesans, and to answer to their Diocesans for non-appearance 'coram Rege.' Canon Plymstock has been cited for sums due to executors of Henry Husee's will. His non-appearance has brought a mulct of £8, to be levied from Bp.'s revenue (exitus); **cite the Canon before us** in the Cathedral to show cause, &c." Dogmersfield, 4 Non. Nov., 1323.

Comm.

In same matter. **Bp. to two Canons.** To hear and determine **Canon P.'s** case. Dogmersfield, 18 Kal. Dec.

Bp. collated his Official, Canon **Wamberg**, who wishes to begin residence, to the house resigned by Mich. de Drokensford, occupied by Bradney. Wanton, 6 Kal. Dec., 1323. Coll. Dom.

Fol. 214*a*.

Bp. to H., Bp. of Lincoln, in *re* **exchange** between Rect. of **Elworthy** (Jarponnull), Ralph de Bokynton, Rect. of Radnage (Oxon), authorizing him to do all required but the induction. Wanton, 8 Kal. Dec., 1323. Comm. de Permutatione.

Bp.'s Grant to Walter of Wherwell (called le Porter), his Barber, and his heirs, for services past and future, of a **Holding in Axbridge** Borough, lately escheated by Delamore's flight (saving two acres in la Shute), to be held of the See. Carta Galteri, &c.

See similar grant, p. 272.

Test., four knights, viz., two Clevedons, Walsh, and Beauchamp of Marsh, and six other names. Wanton, 6 Nov.

Fol. 214*b*.

To Rectors of Perrot (Pitney) and of Brean (Barbe), for Sub-deacon's orders. Wanton, 3 Non. Nov. Lit. dim.

King's Writ to Bp., touching **advowson of Stowey** Chapel, in Chew. "**Adam de Burleigh**, Parson of Chew, and Walter de Stanford, having recovered their right of Presentation against Hamo Fitzrichard, by default, in King's Court at York, you are to admit (Hamo's claim 'non obstante') as their nominee any 'idonea persona.'" York, 17 Oct., 17 of reign. Breve Regium de Rect. de Chyw.

Test., Will. de Bereford.

Bp. to his Official and the Treasurer. **Commission to check Non-residence**, by recall of dispensations abused, by examination of the dispensed as to their studies and places of resort, and by enforcement of sworn residence. Preamble[a] sets forth great Comm. pro Rectoribus non-residentibus.

[a] A very notable statement of abuses and their necessary fruits, but followed by no visible reform of the Bp.'s laxity.

abuses of licensed absence, men resorting to London instead of to places of study, and casting off all clerical dress and morals, leading to the decay of hospitality and almsgiving in their parishes, and of their fabrics, &c. Stockwell, 4 Id. Jan., 1323.

Comm. de Electo Hosp. S. Jo. Well.

Bp. to his Official, and to Chancellor Retford. "Bro. Philip de Eston is presented as **Master elect of St. John's.** Examine the election and the elect, and if approved, do all that belongs to us as Patron and Diocesan, and report."

Stockwell, 11 Kal. Feb.

Fol. 215*a*.

Comm. pro custodiâ Albae Aulae Ybel. et visitandi domum.

Commission to two Rectors to take charge of the Nunnery of **Whitehall, Ilchester,** and its revenues, for the benefit of the Sisters starving through mismanagement of the Prioress.

Dogmersfield, Sept. 18, 1323.

Commission to Bp.'s Official and two Rectors, to inquire into the crime imputed to **Prioress,** Alice de Chilterne.

Wanton, Jan. 29, 1323-24.

See Hugo, pp. 24, 25.

Bp.'s Receipt, given to the executor of his late Official, Edington, for 109*s.* towards a debt of £11 5*s.* of **Peter's pence,** collected by the Official in 1322, due to Bp., who had advanced the money to Papal collector. Stockwell, Id. June, 1324.

Inst. Vic. de Ford.

Bp. to Hen. de Eberdon, Pr., inst. to Vic. of **Bathford,** vice Bradford, deceased. Pat., Prior of Bath.

Wanton, 8 Id. Feb., 1323.

Ind. Archd. Bath.

Lit. Testimon. de Inst. Kingston Seymor.

Bp.'s Certificate. On June 10, 1321, Will. de Meleburn, by Proctor, exhibited his presentation from Tho., Earl of Lancaster, Patron of Rect. of K. S. (by wardship of heir of J. de Ken), and received institution. Same date.

See fol. 220*a*, where King presents by wardship of heir of Maurice de Berkley, 1324.

Bp. to R. de N., Clerk, granting 40*s.*, "de camerâ," till beneficed in Cathedral. Pirbright, 4 Id. Feb. Ann. Pensio Rob. de Notyngham.

Bp. to Jo., Vic. of St. Mary de Stalls, Bath. To hear confessions in Archdeaconry (? Deanery) of Bath, including reserved cases, save perjury. Pirbright, Feb. 11, 1323. Lit. Penitentiariae pro Decan. Bathon.

To Rect. of Walton (Gasselin). Leave of absence till August, to complete executorship of Walt. de Paveley's Will. Lic. absentandi.

MEM.—**Chancellor Retford** commissioned to **absolve** knowing and wilful **perjurers** during Lent. (Seven days later, Treasurer Ford added.) Pirbright, Feb. 17, 1323. Lit. Penitent. pro perjuriis.

Fol. 216*a*.

Bp. to King, in *re* Rog. Hamond, of Shockerwick. Usual form of petition for secular arm. London, 6 Kal. March, 1323. Regia Captio.

Bp. to Rect. of Curry Malet (Melplach). Leave of absence, for business in King's Curia, London, till Easter eve. Lit. dispensatoria.

Bp. to his Official. "To sift the inquisition touching vacancy of Vic. of **Corston**, and Jo. **Gannard**, presentee, and, if favorable, to inst. and induct." Same date. Comm. sup. Vacatione.

A good sample of this kind of commission.

Bp. to Official. Like Commission in *re* Rect. of **Habekwill** [place unknown]. Jo. Brun, presentee. Same date. Comm. sup. Vacatione.

Fol. 226*b*.

Bp. to Ralph de Bergh, Cath. Vicar, to be a **Penitentiary** for Archdeaconry of Wells and Taunton, during Lent, hearing all reserved cases but perjury. Same date. Lit Penitent.

To Rect. of Portishead (Bradford), Deac., for Priest's orders. London, March 10, 1323. Lit. dim.

Bp. to J. Martel, Pr., committing the vacant Church of **High Ham** to him, for six months' "commenda." Same date. Commenda Eccl. de Heigh Hamme.

Lit. pro cantariâ et confessore eligend.

Bp.'s licence to Sir Alan de Cherleton, to celebrate by his own Priest in his manorial chapel of **Rode,** whilst resident, being far from church, and to have for Confessor the Rect. of Laverton, J. de Shrivenham. London, March 6, 1323.

Lit. sup. non-residentiâ.

Bp. to **Tho. Bony,** Rect. of Blagdon, Pr., at instance of Sir Will. Martin, "nostri et Well. Eccl. amici." Leave of longer absence, "pro beneplacito nostro," in Sir Will.'s service; usual conditions. Same date.

MEM.—Like letter to Rects. of Pylle and Uphill.

Fol. 217*a*.

Lit. immunitatis Univ. Oxon.

Ratification by Abp. and his suffragans of the **Charter**[a] granted by Abp. Pekham in the Council of Reading, July 31, 1279, **to the Univ. of Oxford,** now recited. It takes under protection of the Church the persons and property of the University, confirming all its privileges, &c. It acknowledges the spiritual jurisdiction of the Chancellor as an ecclesiastical judge, his sentences to be reported to and respected by the Diocesan judges, who are to sequestrate for three years "beneficiati," if condemned and mulcted in Oxford; unbeneficed Clerks, if banned by Chancellor, are to be disqualified five years from preferment. London, March, 1323–24.

[a] *See* Wilkins' Conc, v. 2, 39. By this charter the newly acquired ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the University was placed in relation to the juridical system of the province of Canterbury.

Breve Reg.

King to Bp., as late custos of the **Wardrobe,** enjoining him to settle accounts with Robt., son and heir of Robt. Fitzpayne, for the time the latter served the King. Feb. 28, 17th of reign.

Lit. dim.

To Rect. of Clatworthy (Atte Ashe), Sub.-deac., for Deacon's orders. 7 Id. March.

Ann. Pensio.

To **Wybert de Lytleton** (afterwards Dean), Advoc. in Arches Court, 40*s*., "de camerâ," as a retaining fee.

London, 6 Non. March, 1323.

J. de Wamberg, Pr. (Bp.'s Clerk), collated to **Stall**, vice Yatton, deceased. Invested by Birret. London, Jan. 22. Coll. Canon.

Dean to instal. Pirbright, Feb. 12, 1323–24. Ind.

Fol. 217*b*.

Simon de Ellesworth, Pr., Rect. of **Chilton** (Cantelo), licensed for two years' service under Sir Jo. Hastings, Kt. Usual provisoes, but alms to be dispensed at **Bp.'s discretion.** Lic. sup. non-resid.

London, 16 Kal. April.

Bp. to Will. de Ludlow, Rect. of Sparkford, licence to take **two years' lease** of Chilton Rectory, but tied to residence at Sparkford. Same date. Tradita ad firmam.

MEM.—To Tho. Aylward, of Hestercomb, and to Rich. le Mareis, Acols., for Sub-deacon's orders. Same date. Lit. dim.

Probate granted by Bp. in person at Stokwell, by leave of Diocesan, to Rect. of Wroxhall, R. de Bourn, Executor named in will. Co-executors to be admitted on appearance. Prob. Testamenti Rad. de Gorges.

March 19, 1323.

Bp. to Jo. de Mohun, Executor of Will of Ada (?) his wife, "ex parte" his son, Payan, who deposes that his mother left to him and three younger children, 50 mks. and a cope, ornamented with gold and relics, delivering the cope with her hands after sealing the will. **Bp. orders the Executor** to effect testatrix's wishes, or expect a formal injunction. Lit. pro j Capâ legatâ, &c.

Stockwell, 3 Id. March, 1323–24.

To Rect. of Perrot (Pitney), Sub-deac., for Deacon's orders. Lit. dim.

Same date.

MEM.—**Tho. de Botland**, Sub-deac., instituted Rect. of **Charlynch.** Pat. Robt. de Brent, jun. Leave for one year's *study*. Stockwell, 12 Kal. April, 1323–24. Inst. Eccl. de Cherdelynch.

Fol. 218*a*.

Permutatio Preb. de Shalford et Wightlakington.

Bp. to Canon R. de Wamberg. Licence to **exchange** Canonry of S. with James de Ispania for Canonry of W. L., accepting his resignation. March 26, 1324.

Like letter to J. de I.

Lit. directa Epo. Lond.

Bp.'s request to Bp. of London for Ind. to Corpus of Shalford Preb. Same date.

Lit. ind.

To Dean of Wells for installing both Canons.

Fol. 218*b*.

Lit. dim.

To Rich. de Tatewick, Acol., for Sub-deacon's orders.

Same date.

Comm. de reconciliand., &c.

To **J., Bp. of Llandaff,** to **reconcile,** after bloodshed, the Church of St. Mary Minor, **Ilchester.** Stockwell, March 28.

Coll. Subdecan.

Jurament. Obed.

Bp. to Walter Brown (late Rect. of Gothurst), collating him to **Sub-deanship,** vice Yatton, deceased. Oath given in full, viz., To obey Bp., his Officials, and Commissaries, and to keep statutable residence. Sworn at Stockwell, in presence of Bp. and four Clerks, "de familiâ."

Fol. 219*a*.

Comm sup. Permutatione.

Bp. of Lincoln to Bp., authorizing him to effect exchange of **Parlington** Rect. for Bladon Rect. (Oxon).

London, March 8, 1323–24.

Bp.'s certificate of having fulfilled commission.

Wanton, March 11, 1324.

Inst.

Bp. to **Canon Matt. Husee,** instituting him to **Bladon.** Pat., Queen Isabella.

Inst.

MEM.—**Will. de Pencrich,** Pr.. inst. to **Parlington,** vice Husee. Pat., Will. de Montacute. Same date.

Ind.

Archd. Wells.

Coll. Canon.

Will. de Pencrich collated to Husee's stall. Same date.

Ind.

Dean.

Fol. 219*b*.

MEM.—**Bp. to Official.** To sift inquisition "de vacatione Vic." of **Charlton Adam**, and if approving, to inst. and induct Jo. **Crompelhorn**, of Wynton, Pr. Dogmersfield, 18 Kal. May, 1324. Comm.

MEM.—**Hugh de Alresford**, inst. Rect. of **Gothurst**. Pat., Rog. de Gothurst. Same date. Archd. Taunt. Inst. Ind.

To Rect. of Cucklington (Hildebrand), licence to remain in service of Lady Sibilla de L'Orti. (No limit.) Same date. Lic. sup. Non-resid.

Warrant from Bp., as Lord of Wyveliscombe, to Sir Jo. Clyvedon, &c., to distrain the heir of the dependent manor of **Nobeton-by-Wybeliscombe** until he performs homage and pays relief due from the manor. His name to be certified. London, March 23, 1324. Comm. pro districtione.

Bp. to Robt. Ruwe, Priest-Vic., deputing him as **coadjutor** to Will. de Bath, sen., Cathedral Vicar and Rect. of **Swainswick**, who is disabled by age and blindness, to take care of his revenues, parishioners, and person. Dogmersfield, 5 Kal. May. Lit. Coadjut. Sweyneswick.

D. and C. to their Brother, John de Grandison, "amico, si placet, confidentissimo," setting forth the custom for Deans to nominate to offices in gift of Canons "extra regnum," if belonging to Dean's institution, and for Bps. to nominate to such Canons' patronage as belonged to Bps.' institution, and imploring J. de G. not to trouble the Bp. for using his right in collating to Chapel of Binegar (in gift of Stall of Whitchurch), and promising favour to J. de G.'s Clerk, if he should yield. No date. Lit. Dec. et Cap. Joanni de Grandison.

See above, fol. 212*a*, *b*; and below, fol. 231*b*.

Fol. 220*a*.

Issued in May and June, 1324. Lit dim.

To Nic. Michel, Clerk, for Deacon's orders.

To Rector of Wrythlington, for Priest's orders.

To Rector of E. Lydford (Reigni), for Sub-deacon's orders.

To Tho. Basset, Deacon, admitted to Chaplaincy of Pokyngton, for Priest's orders.

To Robt. Hoppetrede, of Yeovil, for Sub-deacon's orders.

To Rector of Charlynch (Bocland), for Priest's orders.

Inst. MEM.—**Rich. de la More,** Clerk, inst. Rect. of **Kingston Seymor,** licensed for two years' study, and for seeking minor orders. Pat., King (*see* folio 215*a*), by wardship of heir of Maurice de Berkley. London, 6 Kal. Oct.

Ind. Archd. Bath.

Official to order survey of chancel and house.

Fol. 220*b*—230*b*, ad fin.

Royal Writs.

Fol. 231*a*.

[*Ann. xxiv* (*i.e., of cent.* = 1324), *xv of Consec.*]

Comm. sup. Permutatione. **Bp. to P. Bp. of Sarum,** acknowledging his commission (recited in full) to act for him in the exchange of Pillesdon Rect. for **Norton sub Hamdon** Vic., and certifying its fulfilment. Has instituted Robt. de Fynedon to Pillesdon, on nomination of Englesia de la Bere, and ordered Archd. of Dorset to induct. Wanton, 7 Id. July.

Inst. MEM.—**Nic. de Somerton,** Pr., inst. to Vic. of **Norton.** Pat., Prior of Wolmington. Same date.

Ind. Archd. Wells.

Lit dim. MEM.—To Walter le Deighar,[a] of Bruton, Acol., for Deacon's orders. London, 12 Kal. Aug., 1324.

[a] *i.e.*, the dairyman, probably of the Priory.

Lic. tradendi ad firmam. To Rect. of **Gothurst** (Alresford). Licence **to lease** his benefice for three years, whilst in the Bp.'s service. "Vir idoneus," to occupy and repair the house. London, same date.

Lic. absentandi. To Jo., Rect. of Weston in Gordano, for one year's service of Sir J. de Clyvedon. Dogmersfield, 7 Id. Oct.

Fol. 231*b*.

MEM.—**To Treasurer Ford,** to sift Inquisition touching vacancy of St. Peter's perp. Chapel "infra curiam de **Newton Forester,**"[a] in behalf of Will. de **Hawkridge,** Pr., presented to it. To inst. and induct. Dogmersfield, 4 Id. Oct. Comm. sup. Vacatione.

[a] In parish of N. Petherton.

Granted at Bruton, 4 Non. Sept., 1324:— Lit. dim.

To Rect. of Cucklington (Hildebrand), Vic. of Marston, and to Rect. of Perrot (Pitney), for Priest's orders.

To Canon Rich. de Bathampton, and three Sub-deacons, for minor orders.

At Bodeham, near Porchester, on 12 Kal. Oct:—

To Rect. of Clatworthy, Deacon; to Rect. of Charlynch (Bocland), Sub-deacon, and to John Yole, of Blagdon, Sub-deacon, for higher orders.

Elyas Walwayn, inst. Rect. of **High Ham.** Pat., Glastonbury Abbey. 3 Non. Sept. Inst.

MEM.—**Will. de Ayremyne,** Clerk, collated to **Stall** vacant by Dylington's death. Bodeham, Id. Sept., 1324. Coll. Canonic.

Dean. Ind.

Bp. to all Bailiffs, Tenants, &c., notifying appointment of **Sir Jo. R.** as **Seneschal,** vice Sir J. Clyvedon, now Custos of the Channel Islands. Popham, Michaelmas Day, 18 Ed. II. Comm. Jo. Randolf, Senesc. terrarum.

Bp. to two Canons, empowering them to act for him in the exchange of **Binegar** Rect. for **Cricket** Thomas (Walter de Hull with Jo. Carles). The collation to B. had lapsed as patronage of an absentee Canon, Grandison of Whitchurch.[b] Comm. sup. Permutatione.

Dogmersfield, 4 Non. Oct., 1324.

[b] The case thus explained appears to be: The Canon of Whitchurch voided his patronage of B. by living "extra regnum," *i.e*, in Rom. Curia. The Dean let it lapse to Bp., who collated Hulle. The Canon began a suit in the Curia against Bp., but was softened by the brotherly appeal of D. and C. Fol. 219*b*.

Fol. 232*a*.

Comm. ad inq. et reconciliand.

Bp. to John, Abbot of Muchelney. Commission to inquire in "formâ juris," into **Desecration** ("execratio") **of Martock** Churchyard, by bloodshed, said to very slight, after a fight with fists, but stopping burial "ad terrorem[a] ac ruborem hujusmodi delinquentium." "If the offence were but slight, reconcile the cemetery with Holy water sent herewith, reserving to us the question of the Procuration due to us by custom, and the absolution of offenders." Dogmersfield, Oct. 5.

[a] The reason of requiring a formal rite of Reconciliation after Bloodshed is to be found in the violence of the times. The suspension of burial impressed the whole community with the duty (and expedience) of checking violent assault.

Comm. sup. Permutatione.

Bp. of Aynton to Bp. Commission to act for him throughout **exchange** of Horley Vic. for **Charlton Adam** Vic.
Southwark, 12 Kal. Nov., 1324.

Certificat.

Bp. to Bp. of Aynton, certifying fulfilment.
London, 10 Kal. Nov.

Fol. 232*b*.

Inst. Vic. de Horlee.

J. de Crompelhorn, late Vic. of C. A., inst. to Horley.
Same date.

Geoffrey de Sutton, late Vic. of H., inst. to Charlton A. Pat., Glastonbury Abbey. Same date.

Ind.

Archd. Wells.

Inst.

MEM.—**Will. de Salton,** Pr., inst. Rect. of **West Monkton.** Pat., Glastonbury Abbey. Same date.

Ind.

Archd. Taunt.

Lic. insistendi obsequiis.

MEM.—To Rect. of Chelwood, one year's leave to serve the Lady Aliva Burnell. Same date.

Lic. absentandi.

MEM.—To Rich., dict. le Bastard, Rect. of Hatch Beauchamp, Pr., absence of one year except at visitation (because of his poor benefice).

Fol. 233*b*.

To R. of Curry Malet (Melplach), to seek Deacon's orders, with leave of study. London, 7 Kal. Nov. Lit. dim.

To same, Nov. 1, one year's absence in service of patron, Hugh Poynz, Kt.

Bp. of S. to Bp. **Licence to ordain** within Sar. diocese; also to hallow oil, water, and super-altars, and reconcile cemeteries. March, 1323. Lit. Epi. Sarum licencialis.

Like licence from Bp. of London.

To Mich. de Mareys, Acol., and Rect. of Lympsham (Coude), Acol. to seek Sub-Deacon's orders, after one year's study. Nov. 10, 1325. Lit. dim.

Full dispensation for illegitimacy to Rog. de Cadecote (Catcott ?), after Papal brief (recited) and inquiry. Same date. Disp. sup. def. nat.

Fol. 233*b*.

Bp. to J., Bp. of Llandaff. **Commission to reconcile** Churches, &c., when called on by Official, and to **ordain** next Emberday for dioceses of B. and W. and Llandaff, at **Redclybe**, Bristol, candidates examined and presented by Official. London, Id., Nov., 1325. Comm. ad reconcil. Eccl. et ordinand.

Bp.'s certificate that Tho. de Doultecote (Dulcot), son of a Wells burgess, is "liber, legitimus et bonæ conversationis." Nov. 28. Lit. testimon.

Rect. of Charlynch (Bocland), for Priest's orders. Jan. 1, 1324-25. Lit. dim.

Bp. to his beloved son, Adam, Abbot of Glastonbury, One year's leave to hear **confessions** of his monks in Bp.'s reserved cases. Banwell, same date. Comm. aud. Conf.

MEM.—**Peter de Horseleigh**, Pr., inst. Rect. of **Luccombe**, vice Will. de Luccombe, resigned. Same date. Inst.

Inst. **Will. de Luccombe,** inst. Rect. of **Oberstowey,** vice Horseleigh, resigned. Same date.

Ind. Archd. Taunt.

Coll. domorum. Bp. to **Precentor Thistleden,** collating him to **House,** late Bradney's, "ut resideat utilius." Same date.

Fol. 234*a*.

Lic. aud. conf. **Bp. to Rectors,** &c., commending to their goodwill the Prior of Carmelites, Bristol, and three of his Friars, licensed to preach, &c., under the const. of P. Boniface. 8 Id. Jan., 1324–25.

Comm. petendi clericos, &c. **Bp. to R. of Tyntenhull** and Vicar of Dundon. To demand of King's Justices, at Somerton gaol-delivery, the **surrender of Clerks** imprisoned. Banwell, Jan. 10, 1324–25.

Inst. MEM.—John Uggel, Clerk, inst. Rect. South Cadbury. Pat., Reg. de Frome, "hâc vice," in right of his wife, lifeholder of the Manor.

Ind. Archd. Wells.

Lit. Manumiss. Adam Roules, of Wyke, St. Lawrence, in Congresbury, **serf and poor scholar,** desirous of orders, **freed by Bp.** as his Lord; **tonsured** and licensed to seek higher Orders. If ordained Priest to serve the See. Banwell, Sund. bef. Hilary, 1324–25.

Fol. 234*b*.

Comm. audiend. Comp. Coadjut. **Bp. to his Official.** "**To audit** accounts for two years of Jo. de Bromfield, **Coadjutor** of Rect. of Cossington, and to inquire touching (rectorial) goods lately sequestrated, and enforce restitution." Wyveliscombe, 12 Kal. Feb.

See fol. 238*a*.

Comm. Visitand. Prioriss de Barrowe. MEM.—**Bp. commissioned Official—**

(1) To visit Prioress of **Barrow,** to remove her, and correct all delinquents.

Banwell, Jan. 18, 1324–25.

(2) To visit **Rect. of** (Long) **Ashton**, and report whether he needs coadjutor. Same date.

(3) To visit **St. Katharine's House, Bristol,**[a] to audit accounts of late Master, and finally remove him, appointing as guardian "pro. tem." a Brother of St. John's Hosp, and to correct all excesses. Same date.

[a] Founded by the Berkeley family on their Manor of Bedminster, and so within the then diocese ; *see* fol. 238*b*.

Bp.'s commendation of Adam, "le chapeman," his tenant at Wyveliscombe, as his Achetor and Purveyor for his "hospitium."[b] He is free to buy and sell without hindrance or toll, pursuant to the privilege enjoyed by the Bp.'s tenants. *(French.)*

Wyveliscombe, Jan. 7, 1324-25.

[b] *i.e.*, his house and household wherever found.

MEM.—To Tho. Fardeyn, Canon of Barlynch, for Deacon's orders. **Lit. dim.**

John de Northleech, Clerk, collated, at Bp. of Wynton's request, to Rect. of **Yeobilton,** vice Harpham, resigned "literatorie." Wyveliscombe, 4 Non. Feb. **Coll. Eccl. de Yebelton.**

Archd. Wells. **Ind.**

Bp. to **Robt., Vic. of Cheddar.** To hear **confessions** in Axbridge Deanery, lay and clerical, saving cases of perjury. **Comm. ad aud. Conf.**

Wyveliscombe, 6 Kal. Feb.

Fol. 235*a*.

J. de la Viegne, Clerk, inst. Rect. of **West Coker.** Pat., Sir Hugh Courteney. Wyveliscombe, 8 Id. Feb. **Inst.**

Archd. Wells. **Ind.**

MEM.—**Robt. Howel,** Pr., inst. Rect. of **Sampford Arundel.** Pat., Abbess of Canonsleigh. **Inst.**

Archd. Taunt. **Ind.**

Comm. pro Custodia. **Bp. to Will., Rec. of Backwell.** To be custos of Barrow Nunnery, doing the best he can, with the advice of Sub-prioress and Basilia de Sutton, removing the "onerosa familia" and lodgers (perhendinantes), and correcting gainsayers.

Wyvel, Id. Feb., 1324–25.

Hugo, pp. 13, 14.

Lit. super hoc Rect. de Backwell. **Bp. to Prioress.** Letter sent to Rect. of B. to be read as his warrant, charging her to **obey** the Bp.'s custos. Same date.

Lit. dim. MEM.—To Tho. Knightwin, Clerk, for minor orders.

Same date.

Lic. dim. ad firmam. MEM.—**To Abbot of Clebe,** renewed leave to lease Queen Camel Rectory for three years to any beneficed Clerk in Dioc. Same date.

MEM.—To Will. de Cumbe's wife, broken by age. Licence to **hear Mass in her chamber** with hallowed super-altar; rights of Stokegummer Church saved. Same date.

Lit. attornati. **Letter of Attorney** to Sim. de Eton, Keeper of Bp.'s Hostel at Temple-gate, London, **to do suit for Bp.** in Earl of Leicester's Court in Middlesex. Wyveliscombe, Feb. 9.

Comm. aud. Confess. Bp. to Rob. de Plympton, Pr., to be **Confessor to Sir J. Mohun** and Sibylla his wife, till Michaelmas.

Wyveliscombe, 6 Id. Feb.

Fol. 235*b*.

Dispens. sup. def. nat. **Two dispensations** in full, like in form, to Gilbert Weketrowe and Jo. Worthe, illegitimate, after papal letters. Same date.

Comm. visitandi Hosp. de Bruggewater. **Bp. to his Official** and to a Canon. To sift rumours charging the **Hospital of St. John, Bridgwater,** with wronging the wayfarers of hospitality due to them; Commissaries to report facts, after examining the charters, especially impropriations.

Wyveliscombe, 16 Kal. March.

Carta Jo. de Acres, &c. **Bp. to his Valett,** Jo. de A., for his laudable service, and to

John de Strode, granting for their lives the villeinage-tenure of Puttingthrop, in Banwell (late Offre's), at 26*s.* 8*d.* per ann.

North Curry, Feb. 16.

Confirmed by D. and C.

Fol. 236*a*.

Full dispensation to Will. de Carinton, Clerk, illegitimate; papal letters. Kingsbury, 10 Kal. March. Def. nat.

Bp. to Hugh de Dobor, Monk of Bath, collating him "pro temp." to **Sacristanship,** sadly impoverished, in hope of better management; any pretender is to be removed. Same date. Coll. Sacristariae Bath.

Bp. of S. certifies fulfilment of Bp.'s commission, 4 Kal. Feb. (recited), in *re* **exchange of W. Monkton** Rect. for Prebend of Fontmel in Shaftesbury Monast. Certificat. Sarum.

Ramsbury Park, 11 Kal. March.

MEM.—Mandate to Archd. of Taunt., to ind. as Rect. of W.M., **Stephen Prowet,** by proxy. Obedience to be sworn in person. Pat., Glastonbury Abbey. Ind.

Huish, 7 Kal. March, 1324–25.

MEM.—Transcript of commission entered fol. 234*a*. Comm. petendi Clericos.

Fol. 236*b*.

To **Ralph de Gorges,** heir of late Knt. Licence to choose **confessor** for one year. 5 Non. March, 1324–25. Lic. pro Confessore Eligend.

Bp. to Archds., Rectors, &c. To admit Proctors of Bath Abbey, after Gospel on High Days, to **gather alms** for their **Cathedral fabric.** Wells, Sept., 1324. Lit. pro collectâ Eccl. Bathon.

MEM.—To Robt. de Avebury, Wells Vicar, to hear confessions through diocese. 6 Non. March, 1324–25. Comm. ad aud. Confess.

MEM.—**Will. de Bath** instit. to **Rodden Chapel.** Pat., The Lady Gyffard, of Brymfield. Inst.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

Appropriatio Eccl. de Hegh Littleton.

This Deed is in purport and language nearly a repetition of one on folio 159*b*, May, 1322, but it is here confirmed by the two Chapters, and defines the Procurations due to the Archd. at 10*s*., and the Pension due to Wells Chapter for loss of vacancies at 5*s*. per ann. Wells, 6 Non. March, 1324–25.

Fol. 237*a*.

Manum.

Will. Flaundres, of Kingsbury, **serf, poor scholar, set free,** and tonsured by Bp., with leave to seek orders, saving to the See his services in the Priesthood, if claimed. Wells, 4 Non. March.

Adm. per Permutation.

MEM.—**Rich. le Penkridge,** Vic. of St. Cuthbert's, Wells, admitted Rect. of **Radstock** by exchange. Same date.

Ind.

Archd. Wells.

Carta de la Ford. Carta Epi.

Edm. de la Ford quitclaims to Bp. half acre at Blackford, in exchange. Bp. quitclaims to Edm. one acre.

Test., Sir J. Randolf and Langlond, Knts., with several Squires and others. Westbury, March 5.

Coadjutor datus.

MEM.—Bp. commits to R. of Luccombe (Horseleigh) the **guardianship** of Will., **Rect. of Oberstowey,** of his goods and those of his Church; to be accounted for.

Wyveliscombe, 9 Kal. April, 1324–25.

Fol. 237*b*.

Inst.

Hugh de Bourton, Pr., inst. Rect. of **Penne.** Pat., Rich. de Clare, as life-lessee of Manor. Huish, 15 Kal. April.

Ind.

Archd. of Wells.

Lit. Epi. Exon.

MEM.—Renewed for one year the begging letter in favour of **St. Nicholas, Exeter.** Wyveliscombe, 9 Kal. April.

See above.

Lit. dim. from Bp. of Exeter, authorizing the **ordination** of such Clerks as should be presented by his official. Lit. Epi. Exon.

London, March 10.

MEM.—On F. of Annunc., **Robert de Ile,** Abbot (elect and confirmed) of **Athelney,** received Bp.'s **Benediction** in Wyvelis-combe Church. Oath of obedience given in full. Benedictio Abb. de Athelyngnye.

Tho. de Strikeston, Acol., for two stages. Lit. dim.

Walter de Wyke, Pr., late of Moorlinch, by exchange, inst. Rect. of **Stocklinch.** Pat., Ralph de Stocklinch. Inst. per Permutat.

Tho. de Tucker, late of Stocklinch, inst. Vic. of **Moorlinch.** Pat., Glastonbury Abbey. March 27, 1325.

Ind. by Archd. of Taunton and by Glaston. Official. Ind.

MEM.—**Jo. de Langton,** Clerk, inst. Rect. of **Foxcote.** Pat., King, by wardship of Jo. de Kingston's lands. Inst.

Wyveliscombe, same date.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

Fol. 238*a*.

MEM.—**Walter de Hull,** Pr., inst. Rect. of **Shepton Beau-champ,** by exchange with Upton. Pat., Sir Jo. de Beauchamp. Inst.

Same date.

Robt. de Upton, Pr., inst. Rect. of **Cruket Thomas.** Pat., Walter de Rodney. Same date. Inst.

Both by Archd. of Taunt. Ind.

Bp. to Nic. de Wedergrabe (inst., fol. 240*b*), committing vacant Church of **Street** with Walton Chapel to his care for six months. Wyveliscombe, 8 Id. April. Commenda de Strete.

Glastonbury Official. Ind.

To Sim. Sauvage, Rect. of Bradford, for Priest's orders. Lit. dim.

Bruton, 4 Id. April.

Comm. Coadj. **Bp. to Jo. de Bromfield,** Clerk, reinstating him as **coadjutor** of **Cossington** (after displacing him under suspicion), with same trusts. Thorne Fagon, 6 Kal. April.

Lic. Cantariae et Confessoris. MEM.—To **Eliz. de Burgh,** Lady of Clare, licence to have a free Chantry anywhere in Diocese, and to choose Confessor. Boscomb, 16 Kal. May.

N.B.—Henceforth Lit. Dim. are omitted, unless of special interest.

Comm. Epi. Sarum. **Bp. Sarum to Bp.** Licence to reconcile cemetery of Nether Avon, after bloodshed. Ramsbury Park, 4 Id. April.

Lic. tradendi Eccl. ad firmam. **Bp. to Robt. de Montfort,** Rect. of **Babcary,** Pr. Leave, for certain causes, to **lease his benefice** four years to Rect. of Stratton-on-Fosse, and to J. Champflower. Among other careful provisions, the crops of Sterte Manor to be housed in Rectory Barn. Chew, 9 Kal. May, 1325.

Fol. 238*b*.

Monitio Rec. de Chyw de non-resid. **Bp. to Rich. de Halle,** "qui dicitur **Rector de Chyw.**" Severe monition through absence in London, forsaking his Church though "plebanicam et per se curatam," and neglecting hospitality and other duties. Peremptory order to return within a month and reside, making answer next law day in Wells Cath. Chew, same date.

Comm. ad intimand. Bp. to Nic. de Bath, Clerk, to serve the monition, "viis et modis," before Notary and witnesses. Chew, same date.

Adm. Mgri. Hosp. S. Katrinae. **Bp. to Master of St. John's** and to Vic. of Redclyve, reciting King's Warrant to Bp. to admit Jo. de Babcary, Chaplain, to **Wardenship of St. K.'s Hosp.,** Bristol, and authorizing the two Commissaries to induct. Pat., Sir Maur. Berkeley, in the King's[a] custody. Chew, 7 Kal. May, 1325.

[a] Who therefore exercised the Patron's office of confirming the election, "quoad temporalia." *See* fol. 234.

MEM.—**Walter de Hulle** inst. to Lady Chapel in **Crewkerne** Churchyard. Pat., Sir Hugh Courtenay. Inst.

Yatton, 4 Kal. March.

Notification from Bp. to Sir Nic. de Bonville,[a] as **Patron of Whitehall,** Ilchester, of **deprivation** of Alice de Chilthorne, after visitation, that he may present "idonea persona" as Prioress.[a] Denunciatio presentandi, &c.

Wyveliscombe, 3 Non. April.

[a] Boleville in M.S. The original name derived from Bolenville, Normandy, underwent various contractions, of which Bonville survived.

MEM. [entered in form of a minute of Consistory proceedings].—**Joanna** (Gourney), **Prioress of B.**, and other Nuns, appeared, as cited before Bp. and Official at Banwell, producing certain articles found on **visitation** affecting Prioress, whereupon she **resigned.** Bp. bound all to silence, and fixed day for electing successor. Present, three of the Bp.'s clerks. All the Nuns submitted to Bp.'s future regulation of house. Cessio Prioriss[a]e de Barewe.

Circa F. of Invent. of Cross (May 3), 1325.

Fol. 239*a*.

Bp. to four Canons. Commission to **cite Rich. de Thistleden,** Prebendary of Yatton, to show cause why he should not, pursuant to King's Writ, be removed from the Prebend, and another inducted. Blackford, 4 Id. May. Comm.

Deed of Surrender read out by Precentor R. de Thistleden, at Wells, before Commissaries, yielding to King and to Bp.'s eviction, but protesting, after lengthy recital of facts. Dimissio Preb. de Yatton.

May 9, 1325.

He had got the Stall by Papal provision "sede vacante," whilst in King's patronage.

Bp. to Dean. Mandate, pursuant to above process, to **instal Archd. Robt. de Baldok,** vice Thistleden; done by Proxy. Instn.

Blackford, Id. May.

Inst. MEM.—Elias de Coleshull (late of South Brent) inst. Vic. of Worle. Pat., Worspring Priory, appropriate Rector.
Blackford, May 25.

Comm. Bp. to his Official and three Canons. A new Commission in the Merton Priory claim. Banwell, 4 Kal. June.

See above, sæpe.

Inst. MEM.—Walter de Newenton, Pr., inst. Rect. of Hemington. Pat., Lady Alianor Courteney. Evercreech, June 4, 1325.

Adm. Rich. de Baac (absent in Rom. Curia) admitted by Proxy Vic. of North Curry. Pat., D. and C. Wells. Same date.

[Inst. in Aug.]

Comm. Bp. to Official. To examine election of Sub-prioress Agnes to the Prioress of Barrow, and if approved to confirm.
Evercreech, same date.

See fols. 251, 252.

Comm. Bp. of Winton to Bp. Licence to reconcile Church and Churchyard of Hoghton (Winton), and to consecrate high altar.
Stockwell, 4 Non. June.

Inst. MEM.—Phil. Bernardini,[a] of Florence, adm. (by Proxy, viz., Sapiti, Rect. of St. M.-le-Bow) Rect. of Merriott. Pat., George, Lord of Meriet. Two years' study "ubicunque" assigned, and the Sub-deaconship to follow after one year.
Dogmersfield, June, 1325.

[a] This son of the Italian money-lender was probably a youth, awaiting clerical education, and never intending to serve his English benefice, the Patron of which was probably indebted to the firm.

End. Archd. Taunt.

Lit. Hugonis de Engolisma. Pope's Nuncio to Bp. Monition to pay arrears of Peter-pence being neglected, the Bp. is to be interdicted "ab ingressu eccl." if he fails to pay at Nuncio's house, in Lombard Street, by St. Peter's Day, June 29. London, May 30, 1325.

Fol. 240*a*.

Bp. to King. Will. le Merkaunt, of Wells, being excommunicate and contumacious over forty days, is handed over to the secular arm. London, 5 Kal. July. Lit. pro Captione.

Bp.'s Certificate of the fact that W. le M. perseveres in his obstinacy. Same date. Lit. testim. sup. perseverantia in Excomm.

MEM.—**John Alexander,** of Christe-Maleford, Pr., inst. Vic. of Haselbury. Pat., Prebendary Bruton. London, 6 Id. July. Inst.

Archd. of Wells. Ind.

MEM.—**Adam Torel,** Pr., inst. (Proxy) to parish Church of Sock (Dennis). Pat., Sir Nic. de Bonville. 4 Non. Aug., 1325. Inst.

Archd. Wells. (Letter of Inst. not given till after Oath of Obedience.) Ind.

Edm. de Sevenake tonsured by Bp. on St. Marg.'s Day. Coronati ap. Wanton.

Fol. 240*b*.

MEM.—**Rich. de Baat,** Deac., inst. to Vic. of North Curry. 3 Non. Aug. Inst.

(*See* fol. 239*b*. for his admission, whilst absent, and induction. He is now inducted in person by Dean of W.) Ind.

Bp. to Roger Attewall, **Bailiff of Wells**[a] (sent as a circular to five other Bailiffs). Order for tripartite division of hay, two parts for horses and cattle, one for litter. Wanton, Aug. 3, 1325. (*French.*)

[a] The purpose of this manorial circular is very hard to understand. It applies, of course, only to the demesne lands.

MEM.—**J. Dunkyn,** Pr., inst. Rect. of Fodington,[b] vice Babcary, resigned. Pat., Sir W. de Reigni. 4 Non. Sept. Inst.

[b] A chapel in Babcary, endowed with 40*s*. tithe, according to Valor Hen. VIII, now merged. The place is reduced to one farm.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

Manum. MEM.—Walter Burrtle, **serf**, of Banwell Manor, **freed and tonsured**. Id. Sept.

Obedientiae Precentoris, &c. MEM.—**Precentor** Thistledon and **Chancellor** Retford, being cited to **swear obedience to Bp.** as Ordinary, according to Cathedral Statutes and customs, appeared at Woky and swore (formula given). Present, two Canons Wamberg, four Glastonbury monks, and Nic. de Bath, notary. **Subdean** Brown took like oaths of obedience to Bp., and of faithfulness to his office. 8 Kal. Oct., 1325.

Ins'. MEM.—**Nic. de Wedergrabe**, Pr., inst. Rect. of **Street-cum-Walton**. Pat., Glastonbury Abbey. Wells, 12 Kal. Oct.

Ind. Glaston. Jurisdiction.

Fol. 241*a*.

Inst. **John de Roulesham** admitted to office of Archpresbyter in **Puckington** Church in the settled form of Installing. Pat. of the Ch. and Archpriestship, Alice de Knovill. Yatton, 12 Kal. Oct.

Ind. Archd. Taunt.

Disp. sup. def. nat. To Nich. de Batecombe, Clerk, illegitimate, full dispensation, after Papal letters and inquiry. Blackwell, 8 Kal. Oct.

Coronati apud Blackford. Michaelmas Day, Bp. **tonsured** two Berrow men on the Rector's testimony, And. de Springhese.

Lic. MEM.—To Rect. of Lympsham (Coude), one year's leave to serve the Bp. of Lincoln's Official. Bp.'s Lydiard, 5 Non. Oct.

Comm. Barwe. **Bp. to three Canons.** To examine election of Agnes de St. Cruce as Prioress, and confirm if approved. Wyveliscombe, 3 Non. Oct.

See fol. 242.

The deprived Prioress, J. de Gournay, was akin to the Patron, and was probably availing herself of the Bp.'s neglecting to seek the Patron's congé. The Archd. of Bath was unwilling to proceed to induction, which was therefore effected by commissaries. *See* fol. 244*a*, and Hugo, p. 17.

Sealed instructions to same Commissaries, touching the Patron's consent. "If made plain that it was refused after being duly sought, proceed to confirm in spite of patron, should no canonical bar appear." Lit. à latere directa dictis Commissariis.

Same date, "sub privato secreti nostri."

Will. Blound inst. to Rect. of **Sparkford.** Pat., Jo. de Hanlo, vice Ludlow, resigned. Wyveliscombe, 12 Kal. Nov. Inst.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

Fol. 241*b*.

MEM.—**Will. de Lodelowe,** Pr., inst. Vic. of **South Brent,** vice Coleshull, resigned. Pat., Archd. of Wells. Same date. Inst.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

MEM.—**Will.,** dict. **Mason,** Pr., inst. Rect. of **Pendomer,** vice Crukerne resigned. Pat., Rich. de Dummer. Inst. de Penne Dummer.

Wyveliscombe, 10 Kal. Nov.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

Bp. to all Rectors, &c., commending to their goodwill a **Friar-preacher,** authorized under "Super Cathedram." Lic. audiend. Confess.

Wyveliscombe, 3 Non. Nov.

To Walter Pynck of Berrow, Clerk, illegitimate, full dispensation. Same date. Disp. sup. def. nat.

Sunday, Eve of All Saints. Five persons from neighbourhood tonsured. Coronati in Ecclesia de Mylverton.

Dean of Arches to Bp., forwarding copy of Decree in *re* Appeal of Vicar of **East Camel** in his suit against Cleeve Abbey, his **Rectors.** The parties are discharged from suit by reason of appellant not prosecuting it. The Dean adds to Bp., "Notwithstanding you are free to do your part, 'exequi quod est vestrum.'" London, 13 Kal. April, 1324. Dimissio Curiae Cantuar.

See above, "Licence to Abbey to lease Rectory," also p. 257.

To **Rect. of Penne** (Selwood) **Bourne,** for one year's service with Queen's sister Mary. Evercreech, Dec. 1, 1325. Lic. absentandi.

Fol. 242*a*.

Indulgentia pro nova opere Cath. Well.

Circular to each Deanery. Bp. to all Rectors, &c., to stir their people jointly and severally in aid of the **new work** going on at **Wells Cathedral** (no details), excluding all other "quæstors;" and to promise 40 days' Indulgence, "de injunctis." Roll of benefactors to be sent in, that they may have all benefit of the spiritual acts of the Cathedral Body. Chew, 2 Kal. Feb., 1325–26.

Inst.

Hen. de Cary, Pr., inst. Vic. of **Locking,** vice Lyncombe, deceased. Pat., Worspring Priory.

Ind.

Wells.

Inst. Barwe.

Bp. to Archd. of Bath. To induct Agnes, Prioress of Barrow elect, and confirmed. Blackford, Feb. 9, 1325–26.

Lit. dir. Monialibus.

Bp. to Nuns of B., enjoining obedience to new Prioress. Same date.

Lic. eligendi Confess.

MEM.—Licence to **Sir Geoffry de Hautebille**[a] to choose his **Confessor** for one year. 3 Id. Feb.

[a] Of Norton Hauteville in the ancient parish of Chew.

Bef. Nat.

Full **Dispensation** to W. Boys, illegitimate, after Papal letters, and inquiry at his birth-place, Tymbresbergh (Timsbury).

(*Later hand.*)

Form of **Absolution** and **Dispensation** granted to Jo. de Pottenhull, Clerk, excommunicated for seeking tonsure though illegitimate. Wyke-juxta-Lydiard, 11 Kal. April, 1326.

Fol. 242*b*.

Bulla contra malesentientes de lic. conc. fratribus aud. generaliter confessiones.

Bull of P. John (Avignon, 9 Kal. Aug., ann. v), published by **Abp. Walter of Canterbury,** without comment, order, or date. Pope has received from John de Polliaco the abjuration of his theses (detailed) denying Pope's right to interpose confessors between the parish priest and his flock. Such theses are declared heretical.

We see here the spirit of resistance stirred by the Papal introduction of Friars as general confessors, thus superseding the parish priests in what was still their acknowledged function, and one of their highest and most prized.

MEM.—Bp. conferred **office of Penitentiary** on Rich. de Baac, Vic. of North Curry, excluding cases of violence to Clerks, perjury, and incest; and **same office** for Deanery of Redclyve on the Vicar of the Temple, Bristol. **Comm. Officii. Penitentiariae.**

Wyveliscombe, 11 Kal. March, 1325–26.

To Rect. of Pylle, another year in Will. Martyn's service. **Lic. absentandi.**

Fol 243*a*.

Tho. Incent, Pr., inst. Vic. of **Bathford.** 7 Id. Oct., 1326. **Inst.**

Archd. Bath. **Ind.**

Bp. to Vicar of Congresbury, and Parishioners of C. and Wyke (St. Lawrence). After reciting—(1) the ancient strifes about liability of Wyke to repair the mother Church of C., (2) the difficulty of bringing corpses from W. to C., (3) that Wyke Chapel and yard were asserted to be of old consecration; **Bp. decrees,** that Parishioners of W. and C. shall maintain severally their Churches, &c., W. to have its own offices, and its Chaplain, nominated by Vicar of C., and its Chapel of St. L., lately rebuilt and consecrated; its graveyard to be **licensed** for burial until Bp. could consecrate. Banwell, 6 Id. Oct., 1326. **Ordin. sup. Capell. de Wyk.**

Jo. Appehull, Pr., inst. Rect. of **Seabington** St. Mich. Pat., Thos. de la Lynde, of Dinnington. **Inst.**

Banwell, 17 Kal. Nov., 1326.

Archd. Taunt. **Ind.**

MEM.—**Jo. de Shyplake,** by exchange with Lavyngton, Pr., inst. Rect. of **Crowcombe.** Pat., Studley Priory. **Inst.**

Blackford, 15 Kal. Nov.

Archd. Taunt. **Ind.**

Hen. de Fourneaux, Pr., inst. Rect. of **Yeovil,** vice Delamore, deceased. Pat. Sir Jo. Maltravers. Same date. **Inst.**

Archd. Wells. **Ind.**

Citatio Rob. de Baldok.

NOTARIAL MEM.—14 Nov., 1326. **Canon Wamberg** cited R. de B., as **Prebendary of Yatton,** by Bp.'s mandate, but in vain; whereupon he laid a written citation on St. Mary's Altar of the Prebendal Church (Yatton). Test., three Clerks called "ad hoc."

Fol. 243*b*.

Comm. de Permutat.

Commission from **Bp. of Sarum to Bp.,** to effect **exchange** of Stoke Abbots for **Horsington.** Potterne, Oct. 26.

Inst. of **Walter le Waleys** to Rect. of **Horsington,** vice de la Felde. Pat., Theobald Russell. Tho. de la Felde inst. to Vic. of Stoke, vice Waleys. Pat., Sherborne Abbey.

Concessio Ballibae.

MEM.—Bp. appointed his Valett, Hen. Read, **Bailiff** of his Manor of Pok (**Pucklechurch**) during pleasure.

Yatton, 26 Oct., 20 Ed. II.

Purgatio H. de Button.

MEM.—**Commission to three Canons,** for purgation of Hugh de Bytton, Clerk, lately convicted of theft by laymen (as far as they could) before King's Justices at Glastonbury.[a]

4 Non. Nov., 1326.

[a] Was not the King's Assize at Glaston. a breach of Abbey-privilege, asserted in 1278 on occasion of Ed. I's visit?

Lic. audiend. Conf.

MEM.—A Friar Minor of Coventry presented by his Warden, vice one removed. Licensed. 4 Id. Nov.

Coll. Preb.

MEM.—Bp. collated his nephew, **Rich. de Drokensford,** to Stall of **Yatton.** Banwell, 14 Kal. Nov., 1326.

Coll. Dom.

Bp. collated Laurence Delabarre to the House by his gate, "dum residere voluerit." Evercreech, 6 Id. Nov., 1325.

NOTE touching process against Vicar of Milverton.

Same date.

Comm.

Bp. to three Canons and his Official (revoking last Comm.). To complete election of Agnes as **Prioress of Barrow.**

London, Nov. 26, 1325. 17th of Cons.

MEM.—**Rich. de Bourne**, Rect. of **Wraxall**, confessing to Bp. his **non-residence** and contumacy, whereby he was liable to excommunication and sequestration, obtained **Absolution** "in formâ juris," on promise "de stando et parendo," and giving sureties. Present four of the Bp.'s Clerks. **Absol. Rect. de Wrayhale.**

Stock., 2 Kal. Dec., 1325.

Remonstrance from the Prelates[a] (acting apparently as the Spiritual Estate in Parlt.) addressed to the Queen, upon her conduct as declared by the Lord Chamberlain, H. le Despencer, in full Parlt. The whole people shocked. Will she not take advice of her special fathers, "pieres espitaux"? **Une Lettre maundée à la Royne d'Engleterre.**

Westminster, 6 Dec., 1325 (?).

[a] Isabella was probably in France with Mortimer.

Fol. 244*b*.

Bp. to Bp. of Winton, reciting Commission in *re* **exchange** of Shalfleet Rect. (I. of W.), for **Wraxall** Rect., between Kyvely and Bourne, and certifying fulfilment of its terms. **Certificat. sup. Permutat.**

Dogmersfield, 2 Id. Dec., 1325.

Fol. 245*a*.

Rich. de Bourne, Pr., inst. Rector of Shalfleet, vice Kyveley. Pat., J. de Peeche, "jure uxoris." Same date. **Inst.**

Jo. de Kybeley, Pr., inst. Rect. of **Wraxall**, vice Bourne. Pat., Hugh de Courtney, by wardship of R. de Gorges.

Archd. Bath. **Ind.**

Both resignations received by Bp., before witnesses, but in writing (for registration).

Hen. de Stanton, Pr., inst. Vic. of **Barton St. David's**, vice Robert, resigned. Pat., Prebendary Rob. de Baldock. **Inst.**

Evercreech, 11 Kal. Jan., 1325.

Archd. Wells. **Ind.**

Admissio. MEM.— **Bp.** admitted, on Papal Authority, **Arnald de Malo Ingenio** (by Proxy) to **Stall** in Wells, vice Ayrmyne, promoted to See of Norwich. Same date.

Dean to install.

Coronati. At Chew, St. John Evang., 1325, five names of the neighbourhood; at Yatton, St. Tho. Martyr, three were tonsured.

Comm. **Bp. to his Citizens of his City of Bath,** and to Tenants of Pucklechurch, Claverton, and Hampton, announcing John de Chu as Bailiff, and charging them to respect him.

Jan. 1, 1325–26.

Coll. Canonic. MEM.—**Rich. de Alresford,** Pr., collated to **Stall,** vice Rob. de Ros, now Bp. of Carlisle, and to house, late Everdon's.

Banwell, Dec. 31, 1325.

Ind. Dean.

Lic. audiend. Conf. MEM.—Two Minorite Friars, of Bristol, presented by their Guardian, licensed for Confession, "in locis antiquitus assignatis, ubi possunt talia exercere." Also one Friar Preacher, of Bristol.

Yatton, 8 Non. Jan., 1325.

Lit. dicti Guardiani. The Guardian of Minorites repeats in writing his "vivâ voce" nomination to comply with P. Boniface's Constitution.

Manum. John Attenaysh, of Pucklechurch, Clerk, for his laudable and continued service, **set free,** with his "sequela."

Wells, Eve of Michaelmas, 1316.

Lic. Eligendi Conf. MEM.—To **John de Hampton,** Lord of **Badgeworth,** Licence to choose his **Confessor** for one year, and to have Chaplain celebrating in his Chapel for one year.

Fol. 246*a*.

Begins with latter half of Commission in the **Wedmore Sacrilege** case, A.D. 1316.

See fol. 271, where the whole case will be calendared.

Fol. 246*b*, ad fin.

MEM.—**Commission to Dean of Marston,** to monish all who detained **Charters** affecting the **Rectory of Yeovil.** Charters to be given up within fifteen days, on pain of Excommunication. London, 6 Id. Feb., 1316. Monitio fact. detentoribus, &c.

The Ban to be published in Church of Yeovil on three holy days. Known offenders to be cited to Wells Consistory.

Fol. 247*a*.

Bp. to King. Begging aid of secular arm against Will. le Smith, citizen of Bath, excommunicated over forty days, and contumacious. Stockwell, 2 Id. Feb., 1326–27. Regia Captio.

Tho. de Thornton, Pr., inst. Rect. of **Nettlecombe,** vice Raleigh, resigned. Pat., Jo. de Raleigh, Lord of Nettlecombe. Inst.

Archd. Taunt. Ind.

Proxy to three Clerks, to act for Bp. and Diocese in the Curia Romana. Hartley (Westpall) Manor Chap., Feb. 27, 1326. Procur. ad Cur. Rom. pro Epo.

Test., Canon J. de Wamberg and others, called "ad hoc."

MEM.—**John Sampson,** of Saltford, inst. Rect. of **Clutton,** vice Shawe, deceased. Pat., Sir Will. de Greyville, Kt. Wells, 6 Id. March, 1326-27. Inst.

Archd. Bath. Ind.

MEM.—**Will. Belle,** Pr., Rect. of **Thorne** (Coffin), vice Will. de Lucy, resigned for age, with pension 40*s*. Pat., Robt. Coffin. Same date. Inst.

Archd. of Wells. Ind.

Fol. 247*b*.

Bp. confirms an Agreement between outgoing and incoming Rectors (and Patron) for the above Pension. Same date. Ordinatio, &c.

Ann. Pensio. (*French.*) **Letters Patent from Bp.**, granting to Jo. de Panes, Clerk from his coffers, a **Pension** of "Vint sous d'argent" till advanced to a "covenable vyure." Same date.

De Procuratorio. MEM.—**Bp.**, excusing himself from attending Abp. for **Consecration** of Bp. elect of Exeter,[a] gave **Proxy** to J. de Bruton and another. Same date.

[a] In place of the Treasurer, Bp. Stapledon, beheaded Oct. 15, 1326. J. de B. was Dean of Arches. The Consecration was on March 22. The Bp. (James Berkeley) died in June, and was succeeded by Grandison.

Inst. MEM.—**Will. Wyring**, Pr., inst. Vic. of **Bathwick.** Pat., Pet. de Inkpenne, as Prebendary of Wherwell.

Jo. de Badminton, Pr., Vic. of **Hampton.** Pat., Bath Priory. Blackford, March 20, 1326-27.

Ind. Both by Archd. Bath.

Inst. MEM.—**Hen. de Chaucombe** inst. Rect. of **Ashington.** Pat. Simon de Fourneaux. Same date, 1326-27.

Ind. Archd. Wells.

Lit. Captionis. MEM.—**Bp. applied to King** for **captio** of Adam Pocock, of Bridgwater, excommunicated, and contumacious.

Licence to Geoffry de Hauteville for the year to have a Friar as Confessor. Wyveliscombe, March 29, 1327.

Lic. aud. Confess. Friar of Ilchester licensed for diocese.

Coll. Vic. MEM.—**Rich. Attewode**, Pr., collated Vic. of **Keynsham** (lapse). Evercreech, March 1, 1326–27.

Ind. Archd. Bath.

Fol. 248*a*.

Inst. **Nich. de Oldemixene**, Pr., inst. Rect. of **Portishead**, vice Bradford, resigned. Pat., Reg. de Aulâ. Wyveliscombe, 10 Kal. March, 1325.

Ind. Archd. Bath.

MEM.—On strength of executors' security, **sequestration relaxed** on estate of late Rector of **Oberstowey.** Dilapidations taxed by Dean of Bridgwater at 42*s.* Same date. Relaxatio Sequestri.

Two persons, one of Wellington, illegitimate, but dispensed; one a son of tenant in villeinage, but not a serf, at request of Phil. de Columbers, were tonsured. Coronati ap. Wybeliscombe.

Nuncio to Bp. Peremptory Order to pay arrears of Peter-pence of Diocese in Lombard Street, before F. of S. Greg. (March 12). Jan. 24, 1325. Lit. Hugonis de Engolisma.

Bp. to Archd. of Bath. Warn **Joanna de Gournay, Nun of Barrow,** to obey the new Prioress, Agnes, on pain of Excommunication, and cite her before us in Wyveliscombe Church for contempt. Wyveliscombe, 11 Kal. March, 1325. Lit. Monitionis et Citationis.

The Bp.'s seal being out of reach, his Official's seal was used.

Bp. to all Sheriffs, Bailiffs, &c., of the noble Hugh le Despencer, to **certify** that Elizabeth Paynel, wife of John de Meriet, **was alive** and well at her husband's house at Hestercombe, on the Sunday in "quo Lætare cantatur." Lit. testimyn. de Vita Eliz. Meriet.

Wyveliscombe, 19 Ed. II.

Copy of letter of **Institution** given by Robt., Bp. of Bath (prob. Burnell), in his seventh year (in 1282), to Ralph de St. Neot, Vic. of Camel Reginæ, specifying Vicar's income. Pat., Abbey of Clyve. Transcriptum Instit. Vic. de Cammel.

Vicar's Endowment. "Gardens and crofts, and 1½ virgate, made up of acres (*i.e.*, in common fields). Also in rents, 40*s.* and 22*s.* out of tenements (minutely abutted). Also in Tithes of land in parish belonging to the Lady of Adbury, and of Sir R. Cantelupe's domain in Chilton; all small tithe, and of mills. Also the Altarage, and dues enjoyed by predecessors."

Bp. to Dean of Brugg (Bridgwater), being Vic. of B. "The Parishioners of **Wembdon** have resolved to rebuild their ruined Church, contributing '**juxta valorem** et quantitatem terrarum et Comm. ad compellend. parochianos de Wembdon, &c.

possessionum,' but some refuse to pay; Therefore, issue monition, and after fifteen days, threaten defaulters with canonical coercion." Wyveliscombe, Non. March, 1325.

Fol. 248*b*.

Comm. MEM.—Inquiry being held into dilapidations of (Prebendal) Rect. of Bedminster, chancel and buildings, and the late Prebendary's estate being taxed, and no Executor appearing, Bp. appointed the new Prebendary, Robt. de Baldok, Sequestrator. Wyveliscombe, 11 Non. March, 1325–26.

Comm. Bp. to Vicar of Wybeliscombe. To inquire touching presentation of Jo. de Wamberg, called Delamore,[a] Acol., as Rect. of Chipstable by Muchelney Abbey, and if no canonical bar, to inst. and induct. Same date.

[a] Licensed for study and for orders as Delamore, *see* fol. 249*a*.

Fol. 249*a*.

Manum. Bp., at Dean's request, freed a serf of Wellington Manor. 6 Id. March, 1325.

Comm. ne laici praestent juram. Bp. to John Cogan, Rect. of Huntspill. "Lent being a time for fastings, and prayers and works of mercy, the faithful ought not to appear before secular judges, and take oaths; therefore, inhibit our subjects ('subditi') from taking oaths at Lent assizes." Wyveliscombe, 3 Id. March.

Comm. Bp. to Canon Martel, to act in *re* Rich. Story of Milverton, poor Clerk, fastened on Priory of Montacute by Papal provision. Same date.

Lic. trad. ad firmam. Licence to Rect. of Exton (Compton) to lease benefice to Vic. of Brompton Regis for two years. Wyveliscombe, March 31, 1326.

Def. Nat. MEM.—Bp.'s dispensation to Tho. de Fonte, Acol., illegitimate. Same date.

Bp.'s certificate of continued **excommunication** of Alice de Chilthorne, late Prioress of Whitehall, for carrying off goods from St. Mary's, Ilchester, and for manifest offences. **Lit. Testimon. de Excomm.**

Same date.

Tho. de Wedergrave, Acol., illegitimate, fully dispensed, after Papal letters. April 5, 1326. **Def. Nat.**

Fol. 249*b*.

Jo. de Hountenepath, **serf**, of Buckland, **set free** by Bp., and tonsured. 19 Ed. II. (*i.e.* 1326). **Manum.**

Coadj., viz., the Vicar of White-lackington, given to blind Rect. of **Copland**. Wyveliscombe, 5 Id. March. **Datio Coadjut.**

Coadj. given to Rich. Malet, Rect. of **Cossington**, fatuus, viz., Elyas de Mells, Pr., sworn to serve the Church and cherish Rector, and render account. Rich. de Brente is surety. **Datio Coadjut.**

Blackford, 18 Kal. May, 1326.

MEM.—Rich., son of Sir Rich. Pyk, Knt., tonsured at Blackford, Jubilate Sunday. **Coronati.**

MEM.—Robt. de Tanton, Minorite of Bridgwater, to be Confessor at Canington Nunnery during pleasure. **Lic. aud. Confess.**

Blackford, 16 Kal. May.

MEM.—Three Friar Preachers of Bristol licensed for the Archdeaconries of Bath and Wells. Same date. **Lic. aud. Confess.**

Bp. to all faithful, &c. The **Causey between Bridgwater** and Polden hills being so decayed as to imperil travellers, Bp. offers to all who charitably aid its repair a ten-days' indulgence, "ab injunctis." Banwell, March 27, 1326. **Indulgentia pro Calceto de Brugg, &c.**

Bp.'s Warrant to Simon Hyne, as sole **collector** of above aid, promising a share in the indulgence to all who treat him hospitably. Same date. **Procurat.**

Rich. Spore, Bp.'s **serf** at Lympsham, **freed** and tonsured at Blackford. Sunday after Easter. **Manum.**

Fol. 250*a*.

Inst. MEM.—**Peter de Sebenoke**, Pr., inst. Vic. of **Stoke sub Ham.** Pat., Provost and Brethren of S. Nic. Chapel, Stoke.

Banwell, May 5.

Ind. Arch. Wells.

MEM.—Two months' absence granted to J., Rect. of Pointington, to go to Guernsey, for burial of Sir Nic. de Cheyne, Kt., at Sir Jo. Clyvedon's request. Same date.

Comm. sup. Permutat. **Bp. to Will. Abp. of York,** in *re* **exchange** of Monkton Prebend., Ripon, for **Barton** in Wells Cath.

Wyveliscombe, 12 Kal. June, 1326.

Commenda. MEM.—To Nich. de Sodbury, Pr., six months' "commenda" of Over Stowey. Same date.

Ind. Archd. of Taunt. to induct.

Inst. MEM.—**Jo. de Mathelfield,** Pr., inst. Vic. of **Ilton,** vice Hildebrand, deceased. Pat., Prebendary of Ilton.

Ind. Dean of Wells.

Fol. 250*b*.

Carta. **Bp. grants** to Jo. de St. Nicholas, his valett, and heirs, for services past and future, lands in **Pucklechurch** to be held of See, at 8*s*. 8*d*. per ann. Banwell, 19 Ed. II.

Test. five Knights, viz., two Clevedons, Randolf, Longlond, and Rivers, and five others, probably squires.

Letter of Attorney to give seisin.

Comm. Wynton. Epi. sup. Permut. **Bp. of Winton to Bp.,** Commission in *re* **exchange** of Wymering Vic. for **Camel.**

Fol. 251*a*.

Certificatorium. **Bp. certifies** to Bp. of W. his discharge of above Comm. Will. de Wylden, late Vic. of Camel, inst. to Wymering.

Blackford, 2 Non. June, 1326.

Pet. de Tefford (of Wymering) inst. Rect. of **Camel Regis.** Inst.
Pat., Cleeve Abbey. Same date.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

Bp.'s grant to Alex., the Barber, of Wells, wife, and son, of house between la Gildehall and house late Waket's (on South) "et scaleram" (?"scalariam," flight of steps), of St. Andrew's Cemetery (on N.), for the three lives, at 9*s.* per ann. Carta Barbitonsoris.

Wells, 9 Kal. May, 1326.

Brief to commend collectors for Hospital of **St. Thomas of Acon,** in Holy Land, who nevertheless are not to convert anything into a Crusading-fund[a] that is given for the Preaching of the Cross. The cathedral fabric collections are not to suffer.

[a] So I understand the wording, but it is not clear whether the Hospital was at Acre, or the London institution dedicated by Abp. Becket's sister to St. Thomas of Acon (Acre) in aid of Crusaders. *See* above.

Fol. 251*b.*

Will. Fichet inst. Rect. of Legh[b] (Angerslegh). Pat., Jo. Aunger. Wokey, 8 Id. July. Inst.

[b] A small manor near Wellington held by the Aungers under the Bps. of Winchester.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

Bp. to Abbot of Lonley (the Norman mother-house of Stogursey Priory). "Having found, on visitation, your Priory impoverished and neglected, containing the Prior and one Monk (the witness of his own innocence), some servants and useless folk sojourning there by your leave, the other Monks living lecherously abroad, and being moved by Sir Robt. Fitzpayne, Patron, **We decree** that the sinning Monks be sent to Lonley for correction, and that no more be sent to the Priory until it be reinstated through the Patron and our help." Lit. direct. Abb. de Lonleye.

Wyveliscombe, 6 May, 1326.

Gener. Procur. in. Cur. Rom. **Bp.**, at Westbury, "publiciter constitutus," *i.e.*, Notary present, appointed two **Proctors** to represent him generally in the **Rom. Court.** June 9, 1326.

Proc. speciale. Same Proctors to defend his cause against **Nicolaa**, wife of **Phil. de Wellesle**, before auditor of Papal Chamber. Same date.

Fol. 252*a*.

Proc. Petri de Nantolio. Proxy given by P. de N. in *re* exchange of Ripon Stall for Barton. London, May 10.

[Exchange failed in Aug.]

Fol. 252*b*.

Pro. Captione. **Bp. to King.** For capture of the Wilts' rioters.

NOTE.—"Non valuit quia auctoritate delegatâ."

i.e., Bp. had acted by delegation from Bp. of Sarum.

Carta. **Bp. to Canon Mich. de Eston. Grant of Garden** adjoining his house by the east end of new Lady Chapel, and St. Andrew's Fount. The Medlar to be kept for Bp. with access by path 8 feet wide. 1326.

Installatio. Bp. to Dean. To instal Pet. de Nantolio (by Proxy), vice Baldok, to Barton Stall. Banwell, Id. June.

Ind. By Archd. of Wells, because Barton is Archidiaconal.

Fol. 253*b*.

Inst. **Barth. de Mor**, Pr., inst. Vic. of **Kewstoke**, vice Jo. Mon, decrepid. Pat., Worspring Priory. Banwell, Id. June.

Ind. Wells.

Ordin. Sustentationis. **Bp.**, with consent of Patrons and out-going and in-coming Vicar, **allots 6 mks. per ann.** to late Vic. of **Kewstoke.**

Same date.

Bp. admitted Hen. Fisher, Pr., to moiety of Chantry of Chapel of La Hidehall, in Clevedon. Pat., Sir Jo. de Clyvedon, Knt. Banwell, 16 Kal. June. Inst. Cantariae.

* Returned in Valor Hen. VIII as worth £6 8s. 4d. It has since disappeared.

"Pro portione suâ." Archd. of Bath. Ind.

Fol. 253*b*.

MEM.—Tho. de Wyk, Clerk, inst. Rect. of Aller. Pat., Sir Mat. de Clyvedon. Blackford, 9 Kal. July, 1326. Inst.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

MEM.—John de Stratton, Pr., inst. to Chantry of Chapel of Frome. Pat., Rich. de Winslade. Same date. Inst.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

MEM.—Will. de Hasele, Clerk, inst. (by Proxy) Rect. of Kingweston. Pat., Bermondsey Priory. London, 16 Kal. Aug. Inst.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

MEM.—Robt. de Baldok, jun., inst. to Stall of Barton, resigned by Nantolio. Coll. Canonic.

See fol. 252*a*. The Exchange had failed.

Archd. of Wells. Ind.

Bp.'s Brief to all Archds., Incumbents, &c., in favour of canvassers bearing Abp.'s commendation of the Hospital of St. Bernard and St. Nicholas de Monte Jovis (where?). Not to injure the Cathedral "quæstors." Woky, 16 Kal. Oct., 1326. Lit. pro. Perquisitoribus.

["Parochia" used = Diocese.]

Minutes of Court[b] holden at Banwell before Commissaries, H. de la R., "actor," and W., Rect. of Chelvey, "reus." Rector Acta inter Hugh de la Roche, &c.

[b] The terms "actor" and "reus" look like a criminal process. Otherwise the Tribunal savours of invoking the Bp.'s arbitration to avoid the lay courts. The subject was simply a contract-debt, the marriage-dowry of the niece, pledged by the Rector.

owned a debt to Hugh on account of marriage contracted with Rector's niece, and bound himself to pay by instalments in three years, under pain of ecclesiastical censure. 3 Id. Oct.

Fol. 254*b*.

Comm. Bp. to Precentor Thistleden and Chancellor Retford. **Commission to admit to purgation Dean Godelee,** publicly defamed[a] by Bp., because he caused to be fired the moor between Glastonbury and Burtle Priory, and so did it that the Abbey might be burnt. Blackford, 16 Aug., 1326.

[a] This apparently harsh proceeding was, I suggest, a friendly one, enabling the Dean to purge himself publicly of the imputation raised by the friends of the Abbey. In this discreditable border-feud the Bp. sided strongly with the Chapter, witness the next entry, which was aimed against the Abbey, a month earlier, *see* 255*a*.

Generalis Sententia. **Bp. to Sub-dean** (Brown). Commission to publish **Ban of Excommunication** against all who infringe liberties of the Church, and to secure publication in all Churches. London, July 19, 1326.

Inst. **John de Vere** inst. Rect. of **Asholt,** in exchange. Pat., Sir Jo. de Membury.

Nich. Saubage, Pr., inst. Rect. of **Berebrun** (where?), in exchange. Pat., the King. Blackford, 9 Kal. Sept., 1326.

Ind. Archd. Taunt.

Inst. **Will. Sywarde,** Pr., inst. Rect. of **Kunnington,** vice Will. de Lydford, deceased. Pat., Taunton Priory. Same date.

Ind. Arch. Taunt.

Pensiones. **Bp. grants** to Phil., son of **Tho. de Wellesleghe,** for services past and to come, 40*s*. for life, "de coffris apud Wells," binding his executors and estate.

Like grant to **Elyas de Godelee** and to **Tho. Bacon,** and a robe in suit with that of the Bp.'s Squires. Charged on Penyngton Manor. Blackford, St. Bartholomew's Day, 1326.

Fol. 254*b*.

Bp. grants to Robt. de Somerton for services in his **Wardrobe**, past and future, one Squire's robe with fur trimming per ann. for life. Same date. Concessio Robae.

NOTARIAL ACT.—**Jo. de Eston**, Monk, of Bath, presented petition to Bp. from his Prior begging the bearer's **collation to Precentor's** office. On finding that Prior made no claim to the appointment, Bp. collated Jo. de E. "pro temp.," as usual. Blackford, Sept. 2, 1326. Coll. Precentoriae Bathon.

Hen. de Eberdon, Pr., inst. Vic. of **Ashton**, vice Will. Doucemour, deceased. Pat., Bath Priory. Blackford, 16 Kal. Oct. Inst.

Archd. Bath. End.

Fol. 255*a*.

Bp. to Vicars of Doultyng and Pilton, revoking letter of June 6 [recited], wherein Bp. ordered **Ban of Excommunication** to be published in their Churches against persons unknown,[a] who had, from spite to Church of Wells, damaged chapter property at Hartlake, and sluices at Castle-lake, in Bp.'s Manor of Woky. **Revocation** to be published at Mass. (No reason stated.) Banwell, 7 Id. Sept., 1326.

[a] Aimed at the Abbot of Glaston and his men. The Bp.'s act of publishing this Ban in two churches on the Abbot's estate was highly offensive and in keeping with his wonted hastiness.

Fol. 255*b*.

Bp., after "Inspeximus," ratifies the Deed [recited] of Phil., **Prior of St. John's Hosp.**, Wells, founding a **Chantry of St. Nich.** at St. Mary's Altar in the Hosp., for benefit of souls of Will. de la Wythy, late Burgess of Wells, and family; W. being the donor of five messuages and other parcels in the borough,

and of eight acres "in villâ Well." Chaplain to be presented to Bp., who, in case of default of services, may tax Hospital 40*s.*, to spend in alms.

Test., The Dean, Archd. (Wamberg) of Wells, Nich. de Palton, Will. le Markaunt, and others.

Banwell, Michaelmas Day, 1326.

Fol. 256*a* to 262*a*, ad med.

Royal Writs, from 20 Ed. II to 3 Ed. III.

[N.B.—On 261–2 four prohibitions from King's Justices, and also summonses to Parliament.]

Fol. 262*a*.

Bp. Jocelin's settlement of Vic. of Chard, annexed to Provostship of Combe, is here entered, in later hand, on blank left after the Royal Writs.

The Rect. of Combe, where the Bp. of Waterford dedicated the Church to St. Nicholas, on eve of St. Laurence, 1239, being annexed to Provostship of Combe (Wells Cath.), the **Provost is to be Patron of Vicarage of Chard,** with Archidiaconal jurisdiction, but presenting Vic. to Bp. Vic. no longer to pay 40*s.* to Provost; the Provost in lieu to have the mill, &c., at Fordington, the mill at Hornysbowe, and mill at South Chard, paying 20*s.* to the See per ann. Combe, 34 of Episc.

Ratification by Wells and by Bath Chapters. No date.

Fol. 263*a*.

Lic. MEM.—To **Baldwyn Malet,** Knt., and wife, for **oratory** "intra curiam" anywhere in diocese till F. of St. Jo. Bapt.

Wyveliscombe, April 4, 1327.

Coll. Canonic. **Eudo de Berkelegh,** Clerk, collated to Stall of **Eston,** vice James de Berkelegh, now Bp. of Exon. Same date.

Ind. Dean.

To Ralph de Hokyton, Rect. of **Elworthy**, to lease benefice for two years to a Devon Rector. Wyveliscombe, 10 Kal. May. Lic. tradendi ad firm.

Walter de Meriet, Clerk, collated to **Stall**, late Forde's, deceased. Same date. Collatio.

Rich. de Thistleden, Precentor, collated to **Treasurership**, vice Forde. Same date. Coll.

Bp.'s Official. End.

MEM.—**R. de T. resigned** Precentorship to Bp. (formula given), saving by protest his right to return to it in event of Treasurership being filled by provision. Same date. Resignatio Precentoriae.

MEM.—**Form of receipt** given by Bp. to King's **Messenger** on April 28 of summons[a] to Newcastle-on-Tyne, Friday after Ascension, for King's service "contra Scotos." Villa liberata Nuncio Regis.

[a] Issued by Ed. III, April 5, in his first year, which began Jan. 25, 1327.

Fol. 263*b*.

Bp. to Bp. of Sarum, presenting, as the Patron, Jo. de Nubbeley, Clerk, to Rect. of Ashbury, Berks. Wyveliscombe, 3 Kal. May, 1327. Presentatio.

MEM.—**Walter de Hornley**, Deac., inst. Rect. of **Creech St. Mich.** Pat., Montacute Priory. Wyveliscombe, Non. May. Inst.

Archd. Taunt. End.

MEM.—**Rich. de Fithyde**, Pr., inst. Rect. of **Habekewell**, vice Jo. Broun. Pat., Taunt. Priory. Same date. Inst.

Archd. Taunt. End.

Bp., when visiting St. John's Hosp., Bridgwater (no date), **confirmed the settlement of Wembdon Vic.** (made by Bp. Will. de March), apportioning to Vic. (Rich. de Bridport), on institution, a manse, 3½ acres arable, 4 of meadow, oblations, legacies, fees from visitation of sick, trentals, anniversaries, "missalia Confirm. Ordin. Vic. de Wembdon.

cum requestis," and confessions; also wax belonging (by gifts?) to Church of W., all small tithe, with allowance of grain from Rector (*i.e.*, the Hosp.); Rector taking all else, and two-thirds of "onera." Kingsbury, 6 Non. July, 1304.

Fol. 264*a*.

Bond given by Geoffry, Master of St. John's, Bridgwater, in his Chapter, to Bp. de Marchia, to **maintain six Chaplains** celebrating daily in Hosp., in consideration of Bp. Burnel's[a] benefactions, especially the appropriation of Morwenstow by Bp. of Exon. The six to make a complement of thirteen, besides Master, wearing the religious habit[b]; the corporate funds to maintain also thirteen poor scholars living within walls, "habiles ad informandum in grammatica," who should be excused from full ritual that they may keep (exerceant) schools daily in the town; the Rector of the Schools in the town to send seven of his mendicant scholars for daily pittances from kitchen (gruel specified). [Then a long list of benefactors to share in the benefit of the masses, prayers, &c.] These new objects not to abate the original duty of the House, viz., care of sick and stranger. The Bond to be enforced by Bp.'s canonical authority. One copy to be enrolled in treasury of each Cathedral, each having assented and sealed. Wells, 5 Kal. Aug., 1298.

[a] Bp. Burnel impropriated the Rect. of Wembdon in 1283, and probably obtained from the Bp. of Exeter the improp. of Morwenstow, the advowson having been given to S. John's by Will. de Monkton. The Valor Hen. VIII charges this latter Rect. with maintenance of eight boys, and Wembdon Rect. with six, but does not mention the schools.

[b] According to Leland, a secular priest's dress, with a cross on breast.

Fol. 264*b*.

Inst. per Commiss. MEM.—**Commission** to Rect. of Thornfagon (Bratton), to **inquire** "Sup. Vacacione" of **Kingston** Vic. (alias Pitney by Yeovil), and (if all right) to inst. and induct Jo. de Dichford.

Taunton, 6 Kal. June, 1326.

MEM.—**John de Baloun,** Clerk, inst. Rect of **Chelbey,** vice Brokenbergh, deceased. Pat., Widow of Will. Baloun, by Wardship of Manor. **Inst.**

Archd. Bath. **Ind.**

Bp. of Sarum to Bp. **Faculty** to consecrate as **Nuns** of Amesbury Priory thirty-six maidens professed. **Comm. Epi. Sarum pro Consecrandis. Monialibus.**

3 Non. May, 1327.

Consecration at A. on Ascension Day, 1327.

Two persons of the neighbourhood tonsured on Sunday after Ascension. **Coronati apud Ebercrych.**

MEM.—**Rob. de Eberdon,** Pr., inst. Rect. of **Hatch.** Pat., Sir Jo. de Beauchamp. Yatton, Kal. June, 1327. **Inst.**

Archd. of Taunt. **Ind.**

Whitsun Thursday. Three persons of neighbourhood, and one the next day, tonsured. **Coronati ap. Yatton.**

Fol. 265*a*.

MEM.—To **Geoffry de Araxall,** Rect. of Beckington, 5 **mks.** "de camerâ," till better provided. (No reason stated.) **Ann. Pensio.**

Wooky, 16 Kal. June.

MEM.—**Sir John de Clybedon,** Kt., appointed, during pleasure, **Bp.'s Steward** (of Manors), vice Sir J. Randolf, "impotens." June 7, 1327. **Comm. Senescalli.**

MEM.—**Rich. de Drokensford,** Acol., collated to **Yatton** Prebend. Yatton, 3 Kal. June. **Coll. Canon.**

Dean. **Ind.**

Power of Attorney to Phil. de Drokensford and another, to seek arrears due from Hexham Priory. Yatton, June 8. **Comm.**

MEM.—**Rect. of Araxall** (Sarum Dio.), being ordained Deacon by Bp. of B. and W., at Yatton, Eve of Trinity, had to give **surety** for producing the Letter of Inst. which formed his title. Surety cancelled within fifteen days. **Cautio.**

Inst. MEM.—**Jo. de Hobeden**, Pr., inst. Rect. of **Babington**, vice David Maynard, deceased. Pat., Sir Will. Botreaux.

Banwell, 17 Kal. July, 1327.

Ind. Archd. Wells.

Comm. **Bp. to his Official** and Canon de la Barre. "Will. de Kymbolton has assumed to act as **Coadjutor** of Vic. of **Ashcot**, assuming what belongs to **Bp.** alone. Correct this usurpation."

Wyveliscombe, 9 Kal. April, 1326.

Ordin. Vicariae de O. Stowey. **Bp.**[a] with consent of Rect. Improp. of **Oberstowey**, *i.e.*, St. Mark's Hosp., Bristol, **decrees** that the Vic. shall have the Chaplain's manse and croft, small tithes, oblations, 1 mk. from Rect., and run for his animals with Rector's. Rect. to have all else and Rectorial manse; to share "onera" rateably with Vicar.

Banwell, 17 Kal. July, 1327.

[a] Preamble quotes Papal orders to Bps. to apportion vicarial incomes.

Tho. de la Ho., Pr., inst. **Vicar.** Same date.

Augmentatio Vic. de Yatton. **Preamble.** Vicar's complaint. Rectory proved by inquest worth 100 mks.; Vicarage 12 mks., with two Chaplains to keep.

Decree. Vicar to have manse, oblations of Church and Chapels, fees for anniversaries, requests, legacies, small tithes, tithe of mills, honey, and grain of prebendal demesne. Run for two beasts in Rector's pastures; run for one horse in Rectory meadow; Churchset from certain folk; Hengstham meadow, adjoining Vicar's house, and 10*s.* from Rect. of Claverham.

Rect. to have all else, and to share "onera" rateably with Vicar, who is charged with cure of souls, and with all services in the Church and the two Chapels.

Banwell, 18 Kal. July, 1327.

N.B.—Copies of these apportionments were deposited in "Our treasury in Church of Wells."

Inst. **Will. dict. Laurenz** de Eton, Acol., inst. (by proxy) Rect. of **Uphill**, vice Kynemansford. Pat., Phil. le Lange.

Blackford, 5 Kal. July.

Ind. Wells.

To Brice de Sharstede, Advoc. in Arches, whilst acting in the Court. Same date. Ann. Pensio.

See fol. 271*a*.

John de Kynemansford, Pr., inst. Vic. of **St. Cuthbert's, Wells**, vice J. de Saltford. Pat., D. and C. Inst.

Dean of Wells. End.

MEM.—**Rich. de Drokensford**, Acol., collated to **Precentorship**. 4 Id. June. Coll. Precentoriae.

[a] Violating the capitular rule which the Bp. had enforced in his first visitation, viz., that the dignitaries must be priests and exercise priestly functions. In Aug. he was removed by exchange to a parochial cure.

Bp.'s Official and the Chancellor of Cathedral. End.

Fol. 266*a*.

MEM.—**Adam, Rect. of Badialton** (excommunicated for contumacy in not paying mulct imposed by Bp.), **absolved by Bp.**, on his penitence and oath of submission. He gave sureties for clearing the debt. Blackford, 6 Non. July, 1327. Tangit Rect. de Badialton.

MEM.—Adjustment of **contested patronage**. Chantry of **Wollavington**. Roger de Micheldever had presented in right of wife, viz., Agnes, daughter of Gilbert de Lavington, founder of Chantry. Philip Mansel had presented as one of Gilbert's heirs. These rival patrons in Bp.'s presence consented to present alternately, and Roger's presentee, **John dict. le Smale, was admitted**. To be ind. by Archd. of Wells. Inst.

Will. Crudwell of Bridgwater, illegitimate, tonsured after dispensation, at request of Sir J. Clyvedon, who deposed to facts of birth. Coronatus cum disp.

MEM.—**Chapel of Coryland** (Curland) and **Nerithe Church** to be held for six months by Rect. of Kingsbury (Melplach), Pr. 6 Kal. Aug. Commenda.

Comm. Rebel. **Bp. to Archd. of Taunton** and two Rectors. Commission to proceed "per viam notorii," in *re* **Eudo de Berkeley**, presentee, versus Hen. de Forneaux, possessioner of **Church of Yeovil**; to remove H. de F. "si qualitas causae exposcit," and then to inst. and induct. Kingsbury, 12 Kal. Aug., 1327.

Fol. 266*b*.

Carta. **Bp.'s grant** to Walter, dict. le Porter, of Wherwell, his Barber, and to his heirs, for services past and future, of a burgage tenure in Axbridge, and five acres in Bp.'s Manor of Cheddar. Test., five Knights, some Squires, and local people.

Banwell, Jan. 19, Ed. II.

Obedientia Archid. T. **Archd. Hereward**, a Deacon, took oath at Wyveliscombe, as follows:—

"I, Rob., Archd. of Taunt., will be obedient to you, Ven. Father, &c., and to your Official and other Ministers, in all lawful and canon. commands; So help me God."

Whereupon the Bp. said—

"We enjoin thee, Archd., in virtue of thy oath, to use vesture and tonsure, shoes and riding apparel, as becometh an Archd., to carry thyself as an Archd., to aid us in Ordination, and to procure for thyself in due time Priest's orders." Aug. 6, 1327.

Test., Prior of Taunton, Rich. de Stapylton, Kt., Canon Wamberg.

Adm. ad Cantariam. MEM.—Hen. de Shireburn, admitted to second Chantry, founded for Dean Husee. D. and C. to ind. Stip., 5 mks. and 20*d*. Pat., D. and C., 4 Id. Aug.

Obed. MEM.—**Bp. committed cure of souls** to **N. de Wedergrabe**,[a] Rect. of **Street**, on his making Canonical obedience.

Wyveliscombe, 4 Id. Aug., 1327.

[a] He had been admitted by Proxy to the *Benefice* for some time, but not to the *Office*, *i.e.*, to the personal discharge of it, till personally sworn to canonical obedience.

Bond of Canon Rich. de Drokensford to D. and C., for payment of £30 from **Patton Prebend**, accrued during vacancy; sealed with his Uncle's (the Bp.) seal. Same date. — Obligatio.

MEM.—John de Eston removed, and Sim. de Schawe, monk, made **Precentor** of Bath for present. Wyveliscombe, 5 Kal. Sept., 1327. — Coll. Precentoriae Bathon.

A **serf** of Kingsbury Manor **freed** and tonsured. Kingsbury, July, 1327. — Manum.

Fol. 267*a*.

Bp. of Wynton to Bp. in *re* **exchange** of Ewell, Rect. for Wells **Precentorship**. Farnham, 2 Id. Aug., 1327. — Comm. Wynton Epi.

Bp.'s Certificate of fulfilment of commission by instituting Rich. de Drokensford, his nephew, late Precentor, to Ewell.

MEM.—**Will. de Osmynton**, Pr., inst. Rect. of **Weston-in-Gordano**, vice Will., resigned. Pat., And. de Brumpton. Blackford, 7 Id. Sept. Archd. Bath. — Inst. Ind.

MEM.—Three Clerks appointed **Bp.'s Proctors** in Curia Rom., in same terms as last. Gerard de Sudbury, one of the last, disqualified by excommunication. Same date. — Procur.

MEM.—A **serf** of Compton Epi. **freed**. Same date. — Manum.

Bp. to King, praying capture of Will. Smith, of Nunney. Same date. — Lit. pro Excomm. capiendo.

Proxy given by Bp. to Walter de Hull to represent him "in colloquio et tractatu" (*i.e.*, **Parliament**), at Lincoln; Bp. pleading weakness and distance. Blackford, 6 Id. Sept. — Procur. ad Cur. Regiam.

Bp. to Rect. of Temple Combe and Vic. of North Curry. To collect the tenth of benefices granted[a] for costs of **canonization of** — Comm.

[a] By the Clergy in Decanal Chapters, not in Dioc. Synod. The majority in Chapters seems to have exercised a taxing power, "in invitos," and one enforceable by Bp.'s censures, through commissaries.

Bp. March and for the "nobum opus"[a] of Cathedral; to report defaulters and compel by censures.

Blackford, 4 Non. Sept., 1327.

[a] Unfortunately not detailed. There was much going on, or needed.

Bull of Jo. XXII (11th year) against Louis of Bavaria, sent to Abp. of Cant. and Suffragans.

Fills fols. 267*b*, 268*a*, *b*, and part of 269*a*.

Fol. 269*a*.

Inst. Peter de Cotes, Clerk, inst. Rect. of Exton. Pat., Ralph de Middelney, "hâc vice."[b]

[b] The Patronage being in the Perceval family, this turn must have been sold.

Rich. de Conte, Pr., inst. Rect. of Elworthy. Pat., Thos L'Archer, Prior of St. John, Jerus. Banwell, Oct., 1327.

Ind. Archd. Taunton.

Lic. abs. Rich. de Eberdon, Rect. of Hatch, licensed to serve Will. de Everdon, Clerk, Baron of the Exchequer, for one year.

Banwell, Kal. Oct.

Inst. Nic. Crok, Clerk, inst. Rect. of Henton Monachorum, belonging to his collation.[c] Same date.

[c] By assignment or lapse. The Friary was patron.

Ind. Archd. Wells. Two years' leave of study granted.

Lic. abs. To Tho. Bryce, Rect. of Seaborough, to take three years' service "in comitivâ" of Will. de Whytefeld, Knt.; and to lease benefice.

[c] *i.e.*, in the Knight's following or household.

Manum. MEM.—Serf of Banwell freed and tonsured.

Banwell, 3 Kal. Oct., 1327.

Coll. Preb. MEM.—Will. de Eberdon, Pr., coll. to Stall, late Abel's.

Same date.

Dean to induct.

Bp. to Prior of St. John's Hosp., Bristol, to induct Rob. de Boreford's Wyke, Pr., inst. by Bp. to Wardenship of St. Katherine's Hosp., Bristol. Pat., Sir Tho. de Berkeley. Inductio Custodis, &c.

Same date.

MEM.—Robt. Dygon of Thorny, Pr., inst. Vic. of Fifhyde, vice Ramesham, deceased. Pat., Muchelney Abbey. Inst.

Archd. Taunton. Ind.

MEM.—Will. de Bedewynde collated to Stall, late Alre's. Coll. Canon.

Evercreech, 13 Kal. Nov.

Dean. Ind.

MEM.—Gilbert de Shepton inst. Rect. of Crych (St. Michael), vice Hornlegh, deceased. Pat., Montacute Priory. Inst.

Westbury, 10 Kal. Nov.

Fol. 269*b*.

MEM.—Chancellor Retford, Pr., to be coadjutor to decrepit Vic. of Kingsbury (Lamport), with charge of Vicar, parish, and revenue. Westbury, Non. Nov., 1327. Coadjut.

MEM.—Will. de Sutton inst. Rect. of Warington, vice Owayn, deceased. Pat., Alianor de Curtenay, "hâc vice." Inst.

Banwell, 4 Id. Nov.

Archd. Bath. Ind.

MEM.—Walter de Retford, Pr., inst. Vic. of Mudford, vice Bochampton, deceased. Pat., D. & C. Inst.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

Walter de Cheddre, Clerk, Rect. of Sampford Bret. Pat., Wid. of Alan le Bret. Inst.

Archd. Taunton. One year's study granted. Ind.

Bp. to Canon Laurence Delabarre, appointing him Official during pleasure. 5 Id. Non., 1327. Comm. Officialitatis.

Collation of Tho. de Drokensford, Clerk, to Stall of Dunden, revoked.

Comm. de Permutat.

MEM.—**Bp. to David, Bp. of St. David's,** in *re* **Exchange** of Rect. of High Ham for Stall in Abergwilly.

For terms, *see* Ewell Exchange, *supra.*

Certificate by Bp. of St. D. of fulfilment.

Mapledurham, Jan., 1327–28.

Hugh de Wolhampton, late Prebendary of Abergwilly, inst. Rect. of **H. Ham.** 13 Kal. Jan.

Fol. 270*a.*

[*All entries belong to* 1325–26.]

Inst.

MEM.—**Tho. Trewlobe,** of Shapwick, Pr., inst. to Chapel of **La Forde** Manor Court. Pat., Adam de la Forde.

Chew, 4 Id. Jan., 1325–26.

Ind.

Archd. Wells.

Professio Mon. Bathon.

MEM.—**Twelve Monks of Bath Priory** made the following **Profession** to Bp., Jan., 1325–26:—

"Ego . . . . promitto stabilitatem meam et conversionem morum meorum et obedientiam secundum Regulam S. Benedicti, coram Deo." Each one subscribed his profession, and laid it on the Altar.

Lic. aud. Conf.

MEM.—Five Carmelites of Bristol and two Minorites licensed as Confessors; one of them limited to an area.

Chew, 15 Kal. Feb., 1325–26.

Lit. directa Epo. Wynton pro Electo Tanton.

Bp. to Bp. of Winton (Patron of Taunton Priory). Ralph de Colmestock, **elected Prior** under your congé, is, after our Inquiry, **confirmed** and installed by us, we pray you to do "quod convenit." Banwell, Jan. 29, 1325–26.

See on next page a Mandate to the Archd., Jan. 23, to induct into the Priory and all its goods, without reference to Patron's rights. This omission had probably been resented.

Manum.

Two **serfs** of Claverton **freed** and tonsured.

Chew, Sund. bef. Jan. 20.

Fol 270*b*.

Rect. of Marksbury (Pykeslegh), licensed to **lease** benefice for three years to Phil. de Russhok, Pr., and to a Burgess of Bristol. 10 Kal. Feb., 1325–26. Lic.

Bp.'s Certificate. Hen. de Bradford, dict. le Berebrut, excomm. for violence to a Priest, has persevered in excommunication over a year. Same date. Lit. testim. sup. Excomm.

Bp. to his citizens of Bath and tenants of Pucklechurch, Hampton, and Claverton. John de Stanton is appointed **Bailiff.** Jan. 22, 19 Ed. II, *i.e.*, 1326. Comm.

MEM.—Ten days' **indulgence** to all who aid the building of **Were Chapel** (St. Thomas the Mart.), and the repair of Causey there. Privilege to last two years. Banwell, 8 Kal. Feb. Indulgentia pro calceto de Were.

MEM.—**Tho. de Aulton,** Pr., inst. Vic. of **Wembdon,** vice Rich. de Bridport, deceased. Pat., St. John's Hosp., Bridgwater. Archd. Taunt. Inst. Ind.

Lic. from Bp., as Lord of the Fee, to Prior of **St. John's Hosp., Wells,** enabling him to apply for licence of **Mortmain** covering the lands given by Withy and others. (*See* above.) Bp. remits all seignorial rights save chief-rent. Wanton, Sept., 18 Ed. II, *i.e.*, 1324. Sealed a week later. Lic. conc. Hosp. St. Joan., Well.

Fol. 271*a*.

Bp. to Sub-dean. "The Dean's estate at Zelemore, in Wedmore, having been damaged, buildings pulled down, and goods taken in open day, publish a monition to the effect that this contempt of ecclesiastical rights is mortal sin, incurring excommunication. There are persons unknown deceiving our simple peasants. When names are known, use our power for correction." 10 Kal. Nov., 1326. Comm.

See next page for the next document in this business, entitled "Wedmore Sacrilegium."

Deputatio Coadjut. **Bp. to John Poly**, of Blagdon (Vic. of Yatton being his surety), committing Will. de Sor, Rect. of **Claverham**, blind and aged, and the benefice, to his charge.

Banwell, 11 Kal. Dec., 1326.

Inst. **Roger Vernay**, Clerk, inst. Rect. of **Clatworthy**, vice Atte Ash, deceased. Pat., John Arundel. Same date.

Inst. **Gilbert de Wekestrowe**, Clerk, Rect. of **Stoke Pyro**, vice Hugh Pyro, deceased. Pat., John Pyro. Same date.

Ind. (Both) by Archd. Taunt.

Assignatio Pens. MEM.—**Bp. assigned** to Brito de Scarsted[a] the **pension** payable to the See by the Archd. of Wells, viz., £3 3*s.* 4*d.*

London, 4 Kal. Feb.

[a] *See* fol. 265*b*.

Lic. Stud. MEM.—To Will. Fychet, Rect. of Leigh (where?), Knt., and Acol., one year's study. Jan., 1326.

Fol. 271*b*.

Ann. Pensio. **Bp. to John Northwode**, Knt., Clerk. To gratify the Archd. of Notts and Pope's Chaplain, Jo. de Grandison, and for future benefit to the Church, **Bp. grants 5 mks.**, "de camerâ," pending a cathedral prebend. London, 13 Feb., 1326.

Wedmore Sacrilegium. **Bp. to Sub-dean.** Commission in the Dean's cause of same date and tenor as in fol. 271*a*; wording revised and amplified.

Blackford, 10 Kal. Nov., 1326.

Bp. to Sub-dean. Your certificate shows that two servants of Abbot Adam, of Glastonbury, and two Monks, entered in open day on Dean's land at Zelemor, destroyed cottages and seized effects, thereby the Abbot and four others have incurred Excomm.; cite them to show cause "quare non.," and, if contumacious, pronounce sentence in this cause, which is promoted both "ex officio" and also "ad instantiam Decani."

Banwell, 3 Id. Nov., 1326.

This half and following entry are found on fol. 246, by misplacement.

Bp. to Vic.[a] of Cheddar and two Cathedral Vicars. Recital of above proceedings, and a Commission to cite Abbot and four accomplices to Wells Consistory, at Dean's suit, next Law-day after St. Edm. to answer "quare non." Wells, same day.

[a] Citation to be published, no doubt in Cheddar Church and the Cathedral.

Fol. *272a.*

Bp.'s certificate of inability to confer Priest's orders on Rect. of Teignton, Devon, who brought litt. dim. from Exon. Dioc., "sede vac." Hardwyk by Glo'ster, Jan, 1327. **Lit. testimon.**

MEM.—**Alan de Hothum** collated to Stall of Dundon. Same date. **Coll. Preb. de Dunden.**

On St. Tho. Martyr's Day. Three persons of neighbourhood tonsured. **Coronati apud Chyu.**

Fol. *272b.*

To **Elias de Coscombe** (Croscombe?) and wife, for one year, to have their own Priest in private Chapel. 2 Kal. Jan., 1327. **Lic.**

MEM.—**Hugh Hod,** of Lyng, Pr., to Chapel in **Wollabington,** vice Shapwyk, deceased. Pat., Tho. Trivet, jun. Chew, 7 Kal. Jan. **Adm. Cantariae.**

MEM.—A Pucklechurch **serf,** "**scolaris,** volens ascribi militiæ clericali." Same date. **Manum.**

Jan. 1. Two of the neighbourhood tonsured. **Coronati apud Chew.**

MEM.—**Tho. de Drokensford,** Bp.'s nephew, collated to **Stall** of Ilton, vice Eyton, deceased; to be inducted by proxy.

To **Rect. of High Ham** (Wollompton), as long as he serves Bp. of St. David's. **Lic. abs.**

Proxy to two Canons, Brebanzeon and Bedewynd, and to H. de Fulham, his Clerk, to represent Bp. in **York Parlt.** on S. after Purif. Banwell, Jan. 7, 1327. **Procur.**

Lic. standi in Obsequiis. To **Rect. of Claberton** (Frankleyn), to serve the Lord Jo. Mautravers for two years. 4 Kal. Oct., 1327.

Fol. 272*b*.

Cory Mallet et Corilandi (*hodie Curland*). **Bp. to all men.** "After reciting (1) Petition of Sir Hugh Poynz, of Curry Malet, and his Rector, Melplash, for his Bp.'s intervention in restoring the Chapel of Curland, formerly dependent on C. M. Church, and in same patronage, but usurped by Brewes family of Staple Fitzpayne, as if appurtenant to their manor; (2) the inquiry by Archdeacon's Official, with citation of Margaret Knapp (repres. of the Brewes family) to show cause, 'quare non'; (3) the admission of petitioner's proofs; **Bp. decrees definitively** that Curland is to be as of old a dependent of C. M.; and, the income not sufficing for separate Priest, is to be held as one benefice with C. M., in charge of present Rector." 3 Id. Jan., 1327.

Curland is described in the deed as in Neroche Forest, and five miles from C. M. It is still united with C. M. In Domesday it seems merged in Staple.

Fol. 273*a*.

Comm. sup. Purgat. **Bp. to his Official** and two Canons. Admit to **purgation** Simon, dict. Straunge, convicted by King's Justices of cattle stealing. Wyveliscombe, Non. Feb., 1327.

Inst. MEM.—**John de Pencrich,** Acol., to Rect. of Weston (Bampfield?) vice Reigny, resigned. Pat. "hâc vice," Joan de Sutton, widow of Robt de Montacute. Wyveliscombe, 8 Id. Feb.

Ind. Archd. Wells.

Adm. ad possess. sine institutione. MEM.—**Jas. de Morton,** Clerk, admitted by proxy to corporal posssession of Church of **Rode,** vice Tondut, deceased, Instit. "cum curâ" being reserved. Same date.

See fol. 275.

Archd. Wells.

A Serf of Kingsbury, at request of Sir Robt. Fitzpayne, Kt., set free for ordination when "literatus." Wyveliscombe, Feb. 7. Manum.

Not tonsured. The patron must have been answerable for the education.

Bp. to Canon Ric. de Brokensford, assigning House "in Clauso,"[a] late Stanton's, liable to be repaired according to order by Bp.'s Surveyor (described as "set to survey the houses of our collation"). To be vacated on acquiring another house, under the sworn consuetudinary. No date.

[a] Not the Vicar's Close, but the Cathedral Green.

Fol. 273*b*.

Bp. to Guardian of Spiritualities, Exon, "sede vac." in *re* Exchange of **Cricket Thomas** and Thorncombe, certifying discharge of Commission (recited). Feb., 1327. Certificat.

Bp. to Robt. de Upton (late of Cricket), instituting him to Vic. of Thorncombe. Pat., Abbot of Ford. Inst.

11 Kal. March, 1327.

Bp. to John North, inst. him to **Cricket** Rect. Pat., Walter Rodney. Same date, 1328.

Fol. 274.

[*Omitted in the paging.*]

Fol. 275*a*.

D. and C. of Exeter to Canon **Bloyon,** asserting their right to spiritual jurisdiction "hâc vice" (the Primacy being vacant, as well as the See), and appointing him "custos," with specified powers. Exeter, Nov. 28, 1327. Comm.

This office-copy is entered to explain the last Commission.

MEM.—Letter of Inst. granted to **Rect. of Rode** (*sup.*, fol. 273), with "litt. dim." (at request of Charlton, Bp. of Hereford) for Sub-Deacon's orders. Two years' study granted. Pat., Sir Alex. de Charlton. Wyveliscombe, 8 Kal. March, 1327. Inst. Rode.

MEM.—Friar of Ilchester licensed as Preacher. Admissio.

Fol. 275*b*.

Inst. MEM.—**Walter de Retford**, Pr., inst. Vic. of **Kingsbury**, vice Langport, deceased. Pat., Chancellor Retford, Rector.

Ind. Bp.'s Official with Vic. of Martock. 6 Kal March, 1327.

Ann. Pensio. **Grant** to Will. de Bulmer, S.T.P., on ground of future usefulness to Diocese, of £12 per ann. from Bp. and his **Heirs**, until he is beneficed. March 1, Wyveliscome, 1327.

Lic. absent. MEM.—Tho. de Thorverton, Rect. of Nettlecombe, for one year for service to his brother, Jo. de Staunton.

March 8, 1327.

Comm. **Bp. to his Official** and two Canons, to hear and determine **suit** moved by the **Parishioners**[a] **of Reynsham** against Vicar for non-residence, perjury, &c. Wyveliscombe, 3 Non. March.

[a] It does not appear that presentment had been made in the Archdeacon's Visitation Court, the simplest and readiest means of redress.

Datio Coadjut. Tho. de Aulton, Pr., Vic. of Wembdon, deputed as **Coadj.** to J de Drayton, Rect. of **Enmore**, worn out, to provide for his Church and his person. Blackford, 15 Kal. April, 1327.

Fol. 276*a*.

Pro Canonizatione Com. de Lanc. **Petition to Pope**, from the English Prelates[b] (16 Bishops named) for the canonization of **Tho., Earl of Lancaster**, who in life and death boldly asserted the liberties which the Church had sanctioned and fortified, and whose merits since death, had been graciously attested by miracles. York, March 4, 1327.

[b] Attending King in Parliament, but not acting in this matter as part of Parliament, no Abbots joining with them.

MEM.—Bridgwater Friar Minor, licensed as **Confessor** to Alexander Lutrel, Knight, and family, and a Bristol Friar to Geoffrey de Hauteville, Kt., and 6 of his "familiares."

Wokey, April 12.

Rect. of Badialton paid to Bp. 40*s.*, due for **Mulct** to King's Exchequer. Kingsbury, April 4, 1328. Solutio XL s.

MEM.—Bp. appointed Will. Darches, **Bailiff** of Pucklechurch and Bath, and wrote to tenants; also Hen. de Reod, **Bailiff** of Chew and Yatton. Claverton, April 21, 1328. Comm. Ballivae.

Fol. 276*b*.

Bp. of Lin. (York, March 6) to Bp., in *re* **exchange** of Berughby, for **Bledon.** Comm. Epi. Linc. sup. permut.

Bp. certifies discharge of the Commission, and inst. to Berughby of late Rect. of Bledon (Fleming).

Woky, 12 Kal. April.

Robt. de Aleuy, Pr., late of Berughby, inst. Rect. of Bledon. Inst.

Woky, 12 Kal. April.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

MEM.—NOTARIAL ACT. Before institution Rob. de A. was **absolved** from **excomm.**, incurred by some wrongs done to Bp., for which he swore restitution and submission. Submissio R. de Aleway.

Fol. 277*a*.

MEM.—**In re Stephen Prowett,** Rect. of West Monkton, Collector of the Scotch Scutage in Dorset and Somt., in 28, 31, 33 of Ed. I, whose estate was sequestrated owing to his dying in arrears. His executors make oath to save the Bp. harmless before King; the **Bp. relaxes sequestration.** Cautio Juratoria de indemnitate.

Kingsbury, March 31, 1328.

Two Ilchester Friars licensed. Kingsbury, April 5. Adm.

Receipt from Pope's **Nuncio** for **Peterspence** of Diocese, Ann. 1325=£11 5*s.* London, March, 1325. Acquietancia Hug. de Engolisma.

Receipt from Pope's Nuncio (now Archd. of Cant.), 1326–27 =£22 10*s.* London, April, 1328.

Comm. **Bp. to Vic. of Muchelney.** "Brother Thomas, lately 'inclusus'[a] in the hermitage of Oth (Worth), in Aller parish, petitions to have a door to admit you or another as confessor, also to have choice of burial at Aller, or elsewhere; make the door, keep the key in hand for your visits to him and his fellow hermit."

Aller, Non. April, 1328.

[a] *i.e.*, enclosed in a cell by formal act of induction under Bp.'s sanction.

Fol. 277*b*.

Bp. to Archd. of Wells. Has assigned to Laurence Fastolf, Advocate in Arches Court, the payment due from the Archdeaconry to the See, viz., 63*s*. 4*d*. L. F.'s acquittance to suffice.

Banwell, Id. April, 1328.

Grant to L. F. of 5 **mks.**, to be paid by Archd. Same date.

MEM.—Bp. wrote to Prior of Hexham, begging him to pay to W. de Norwych, now with the King at York as Baron of Excheq., £20, to clear the Bp.'s debt to Norwych, and Prior's debt to Bp. Letter sent by Hen. de Fulham, Bp.'s Proxy at York. Yatton, 10 Kal. May.

Lic. aud. Confess. Licence to Vicar of Cloford to be **confessor in Frome Deanery** [to complete a system of decanal confessors].

Kingsbury, 3 Non. April.

Bp. to Prioress of Kyngton. Licence to **lease** for three years the appropriate Rect. of Twerton to the Vicar of St. Mary Stalls (Dodmarton). Proviso for all liabilities.

Kingsbury, 6 Kal. March, 1328.

An evasion of the liability to present a Vic., and allow him his portion.

Fol. 278*a*.

Comm. Epi. Wygorn. **Bp. to Bp. of Worcester,** in *re* **Exchange** of St. Aldate's, Glo'ster, for Bathwick. Has fulfilled the Commission (recited).

Scaldwell, 6 Kal. May, 1328.

MEM.—Will. Wyring, late Vic. of Bathwick, inst. to St. Aldate's. Same date.

Steph. de Pendok inst. **Vic. of B.** Pat., Preb. of Wherwell.

Hen. de Kynemersford, Pr., inst. Rect. of **Clatworthy,** vice Rog. de Verney, resigned. Pat., Jo. Arundel. Same date. Inst.

Archd. Taunt. Ind.

Fol. 278*b*.

MEM.—**John Prince,** Pr., inst. Rect. of **Swainswick,** vice Will. de Bathon. Pat., Jo. Torny. Wanton, 9 Kal. July. Inst.

Archd. Bath. Ind.

MEM.—**The Will** of Christina de Lincoln, of Bristol, was **read before Bp.** Executors, her son, a Friar of B,[a] named by written leave of his Superior, and a Bristol merchant. Claverton, 18 Kal. July. Probatio Testam.

[a] The admission of a Friar to executorship was probably the question specially referred to the Bp.'s personal decision.

Bp. to his Official. "The Prior of Merton, having presented a Clerk to the Vic. of Midsomeresnorton, we ordered 'inquisitio de vacatione.' Sift the Return, and (to save cost) 'caritative,' inst. and induct." Wanton, 7 Kal. July.

Presentee not named.

Bp. to Precentor Thistleden, and Walter de Hull. To hear and determine **suit against Rect. of Marksbury** (Pyggesley),[b] in *re* Archdeacon's Procurations and Peter's pence, held back whilst P. was Rural Dean of Redcliffe; also for perjury, &c., which suit is moved both "ex officio," and also at Archdeacon's instance. Claverton, 13 Kal. May, 1328. Comm. Rect. de Merkesbury.

[b] Alibi Pykeslegh and Pyk.

Bp. to Dean of la Redclyve, reciting, besides foregoing facts, that the defendant had stayed the suit by Royal Prohibition, Citatio.

whereby he incurred excommunication; but being, after consultation (*i.e.*, with King's Justices) handed over to Bp's Court, he is to be cited to Wells to answer "quare non," Thursday after St. Barnabas. Wanton, 6 Kal. June.

Fol. 279*b*.

Alia Citatio. **Bp. to same.** "Owing to laudable and immemorial custom of Bath Archdeaconry, the incumbents of each Deanery **yearly elect their Dean**, and in 1319, Nov. 10, J. de P. was elected and took oath of fidelity to Archdeacon, including transmission of Peterspence. In spite of this oath and of mandate, he has refused to account for Peterspence and other dues, and when cited, sought out a Royal Prohibition. **Therefore cite him to Wells**, to view the Royal consultation [*i.e.*, the Writ handing him over to Bishop's jurisdiction], and to receive correction."

Same date.

[a] Alternative or additional? This charge is based on the R. Dean's oath, in order to bring it within the "forum ecclesiasticum."

Fol. 280*a*.

Monitio pro Consecratione. Citation, June 6, from Stephen, Bishop of London, to aid in **Consecration** of Bps.-elect of St. David's and Bangor, at **Canterbury**, on morrow of St. Barnabas, under monition (recited) of Prior and monks of Ch. Ch., Canterbury, as Guardians of Spiritualties, "sede vac."

Inst. **Robt. Syer**, Pr., inst. Vic. of **Ashcot**, vice Richard, deceased. Pat., Glastonbury Abbey. Wanton, 3 Non. Jan.

Ind. Glaston. Jurisdiction.

Lic. Stud. **Bp. to Phil. Bernardino** (*see* fol. 281*b*), Sub-deac., Rect. of Merriott. Licence, at Bp. of Wynton's request, for two years' study beyond sea. Fullest provisoes.

Stockwell, 6 Id. Feb., 1325.

N.B.—"Fol. XXIII præcedens" is here referred to, indicating some by-gone arrangement.

MEM.—At Pateshall, during the Northampton Parliament, at urgency of Sir Geo. de Merriott, Patron, who asserted his Rector to be dead, Bp. enjoined his official to recall him to residence; but, after disproof of the death, superseded the recall by letter dated Wanton, 2 Non. June, 1328. Monitio pro residentia (*of Bernardino*).

Rich. de Brankescombe, inst. Rect. of **North Cadbury,** vice Rob. de Clyfton, deceased. Pat., Marg., wid. of Nic. de Moeles, Lord of N. C. Same date. Inst.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

Fol. 280*b*.

John de Clatford, Pr., Rect. of Almonesford (**Ansford**). Pat., Rich. Lovel, Kt. Greydon, 12 Kal. July, 1328. Inst.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

Abbot of Lonley, in dio. of Le Mans, **to Bp.** Superseding Giles Roussee "alienatorem bonorum," and appointing **Godfrey de Duc,** monk, **as Prior** of S. C., begging for him inst. and induction. April, 1328. Presentatio ad Prioratum de Stok-curcy.

Bp. to Prior-elect, instituting him to Priory and Ch. of S. C., and ordering ind. Inst. Prioris.

Prior swore to maintain continuous residence and ritual.

The three resident monks swore obedience to Prior.

Wanton, 18 June, 1328.

Rural Dean of Bridgwater ordered to **release the sequestration** of the Priory. Relax. Seq.

Fol. 281*a*.

On same day, all this process was undone by the **Prior's resignation** (recited in full, but no reasons stated). Resignatio Presentati.

Andrew Sprenghouse, Pr., inst. Rect. of **West Monkton.** Pat., Glaston. Abbey. Stoke by Guildford, 12 Kal. July, 1328. Inst.

Archd. Taunt. Ind.

Inst. Geoffry, dict. Barlynch, of Cossington, Pr., inst. Rect. of parish Ch. of Copelond. Pat., Sir J. de Acton, by Wardship of Sir J. Meriet's heir. Same date.

Ind. Archd. Taunt.

Fol. 281*b*.

Comm. sup. Permutat. Wryngton. Bp. to Roger, Bp. of Sarum, in *re* Exchange of W. for Marnhull. Dogmersfield, 2 Kal. July, 1328.

Lic. Stud. MEM.—Rect. of Merriott had three years' leave of study, at request of John Brabazon, on terms as above, fol. 280.

Inst. de Castro Cary. MEM.—Walter Haym inst. Vic. of Castle Cary. Pat., Bath Priory. Dogmersfield, 8 Id. July.

Ind. Wells.

Inst. de Lebele. John Rysynden inst. Rect. of Yeovil. Pat., Jo. Mautravers, Lord of Lychet. Ash by Guildford, 8 Id. July.

Ind. Archd. Wells.

Inst. Roger de Acton Burnell inst. Vic. of Mudford. Pat., D. and C. Same date.

Coronati. At Evercreech, Sunday after St. Kenelm's, 1328. Five Bruton men, and a son of John de Draycott, Lord of Redlynch, tonsured.

Comm. sup. Permut. Bp. to Bp. of Sarum, certifying fulfilment of Commission (recited) in *re* Exchange of Wryngton and Marnhull. Evercreech, 17 Kal. Aug., 1328.

MEM.—Will. de Selton, Pr. (of Wryngton), inst. Vic. of Marnhull, vice Hen. le Gaite (of Marnhull), inst. Rect. of Wrington. Same date.

Ind. Archd. Bath.

Inst. MEM.—Jo. Forman inst. Rect. of East Lydford, vice Reigni. Pat., Will. de Reigni. Evercreech, 14 Kal. Aug.

Ind. Archd. Wells.

MEM.—**Will. Amys**, Rect. of Holton, to be **Coadjutor** to Vicar of **Wincanton**, reported by Archd. to be in need [Vicar not invoking it]. Same date. Coadj. Vic. de Wyncaulton.

MEM.—**Will. de Hawkridge** inst. Rect. of **Hawkridge**, cum Withypool Chapel, vice Plecy, deceased. Pat., "hac vice," Jo. Heroun. Same date. Inst.

Archd. Taunt. Ind.

Mich. de Drokensford collated to House held by **Rich.** his brother. Same date. Coll. dom.

Fol. 282*b*.

Bp. to the Rect. of Tintenhull and to the Vic. of Dundon. To demand **all Clerks in Gaol** at Ilchester, Somerton, or elsewhere, arraigned before the three Knights assigned in Northampton Parliament. Banwell, 12 Kal. Aug., 1328. Comm. ad petendum Clericos incarc. coram Justiciariis de Trailbaston.[a]

[a] A commission armed with extraordinary powers of inquiry into the action of King's officers, first issued by Ed. I, revived by Ed. III.

A like Comm. to three Rectors, living in and near Ilchester. Same date. Alia consimilis.

Jo. de Northleach, Pr., inst. Rect. of **Warington** by exchange with J. Gaite. Inst.

Archd. Bath. Ind.

J. Gayle inst. Rect. of **Yeobilton**, vice Northleach. Same date. Inst.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

MEM.—**Bp. to his Official**, and to Walt. de Hull. **Commission to visit Muchelney Abbey**, "in capite et membris," and then to inquire in **Canington Priory** touching illicit wandering of certain Nuns, and to report "corrigenda." Banwell, 12 Kal. Aug., 1328. Comm. ad visitandum.

Publicatio Excommun. **Tho. de Orchard, Excommunicated** for ecclesiastical offences, has long remained in contempt of his sentence, as certified by the Official of Taunton. Same date.

Probably published in neighbouring churches.

Coll. Preb. **Bp. to Robt. de Stratford,** Pr., collating him to **Yatton** Stall, and investing him by his Biretta. Banwell, 8 Kal. Aug.

Dean to instal.

Fol. 283*a*.

Publicatio Excomm. ad repellend.[a] Excomm. **Bp. to all men,** &c. John atte Churchstyle, of Wells, having persevered in hardness of heart, is still **Excommunicate.**

Banwell, 12 Kal. Aug., 1328.

[a] *i.e.*, warning the faithful to shun him "as a heathen man and a publican."

Procur. pro Parliamento. **Proxy** to Canons Brabazon and Bedwynde to **represent Bp.** in **Parlt.** before King at **York** (Sun. aft. St. James), and also in the "**Clerus**" of **Canterbury Province** meeting at York. Bp. disabled. Same date.

Acquietantia Testament. The Executors' Account, under Will of Rect. of Wrington (Owayn), having been audited by the Bp.'s Clerk, and inspected by Bp., **the Bp. certifies the discharge of Executors,** saving Creditors' rights. Wells, 11 Kal. Aug., 1328.

Inst. **Walter de Wyke,** Acol., Rect. of **Farnborough,** vice Troubridge, deceased. Pat., Will. de Greyville, Kt.

Banwell, 6 Kal. Aug.

Coron. Will. Swyft tonsured at Banwell, Sund. bef. S. Pet. ad Vinc.

Resign. Rec. de Berghes. **Resignation** of J. de Worth, Rect. of **Berrow,** under seal of Axbridge Deanery, accepted by Bp. Wells, Aug. 10.

Fol. 283*b*.

Inductio in Eccl. de B. **Bp. to Rects. of Burnham** and Lympsham. **Commission to induct** Archd. of Wells (Wamberg) to Rect. of **Berrow,** appropriated (by consent of both chapters) to Archdeacon's office.

Yatton, 4 Id. Aug.

MEM.—**Licence** during pleasure to Canon J. de Bruton to inhabit the **House in Close** west of Archd.'s (Wells). Lic. inhabitandi. Dom.

Yatton, 2 Id. Aug., 1328.

MEM.—Rich. de Hale, Parson of Chew, paid (by Proxy) £10, to satisfy King's Writ, on suit of Adam Burley's Executors. Solutio.

Same date.

MEM.—Bp. admitted **Robt. de Crauthorn**, Pr., to the Chapel of **Marsh**[a] **Lovell** Court. Pat., Lord Rich. Lovel. Same date. Inst.

[a] This must have been Marsh Court in Wincanton Parish, which was a member of the Lovel Barony of Cary.

Archd. of Wells. Ind.

Peter de Berkeley, Clerk, collated to Stall of **Eston**, vice Eudo de Berkeley, deceased. Banwell, Sept. 1, 1328. Coll. Preb.

Dean. Ind.

MEM.—**John de Cothaye**, Acol., inst. Rect. of **Cheddon**. One year's study granted, and order for survey of dilapidations made. Pat., Ric. de Fitzpayne, Kt. Banwell, 9 Kal. Sept. Inst. de Ceden.

Archd. of Taunt.

MEM.—**Jo. de Nywetон**, Pr., inst. to Chapel of **Newton Plecy**.[b] Pat., "hac vice," John Heyroun. Banwell, 6 Kal. Sept. Inst. de Nywton Plecy.

[b] *Alias* N. Forester in parish of N. Petherton.

MEM.—Robt. de Baac, Clerk, appointed **Apparitor General** through Diocese for citations, warnings, and sequestrations of intestate estates. Adm. Apparitoris.

Fol. 284*a*.

John Ld. Beauchamp, of Somt., to **Bp.** presenting Laurence le Yonge, brother-priest of the Collegiate Chapel, praying Institution to **Provostship of Chapel**, vice Nettlecombe, deceased. Present. ad Praeposituram Cap. de Stok. sub. Hamdon.

Stoke, Sund. aft. Decoll. J. Bapt., 1328.

Bp. to L. le Y. instituting him, conformably to the foundation-ordinance ratified by Pope. Banwell, 2 Kal. Sept. Adm.

Lit. direct. Jo. de Beauchamp pro Ind. **Bp. to Lord B.**, as Patron, certifying Inst., and requesting him to do what remains (*i.e.*, induct). Same date.

MEM.—Will. de Burley, Executor of Adam's Will (*see* fol. 283*b*), came and received £10. His acquittance entered in full, sealed by Dean of Christianity, Oxon. Yatton, Aug., 1328.

Fol. 284*b*.

Ordinatio Cantariæ de Stoke-sub-H. 4 Non. Oct., 1304.

This foundation-deed of the Beauchamp Collegiate Chapel at Stoke, by Bp. Haselshaw, is here written out, filling three pages. It is printed *in extenso* by Collinson, Vol. III, p. 316, and therefore not repeated here. It is annotated by later hand, probably at some period of controversy.

Inst. de Cruk. **Robt. Pyl**, Pr., inst. to first portion in parish Church of **Crewkerne**, vice Stratton, deceased. Pat. of the church and of the portion, H. de Courteney, Kt. Wyveliscombe, 13 Kal. Oct.

Ind. Archd. of Taunt.

Inst. **Hen. de Bristoll**, Pr., inst Vic. of **Doultyng**, vice Grauntpont, deceased. Pat., Glastonbury Abbey. 10 Kal. Oct.

Coll. **Will. de Bulmere**, S.T.P., collated Rect. of **Yeobilton**. Wyveliscombe, 4 Kal. Oct.

No ind.

The Drokensford Register is here interpolated by fourteen leaves of the Register of Ralph de Salopia, dating Jan., 1361–62, to Jan., 1362–63. The paging has been carried on at some early date consecutively through the interpolated leaves.

Fol. 300*a*.

Comm. pro Presentato. **Bp. to Dean Godley.** To examine certificate, "sup. vaca-

cione," &c., with view to institution and induction of **Matthew Clyvedon**, Clerk, as Rect. of **Alre**. Pat., Sir Matt. Clyvedon, Kt.
Odstock by Sarum, 9 Kal. Dec., 1325.

MEM.—**Canon Hothum**, Preb. of Dunden, **collated to House**, late Alre's, "quamdiu Canonicus." Westbury, Id. Nov. Coll. Dom.

N.B.—The Vicar's Close now stands on the site.

MEM.—**Roger of Acton Burnel**, Pr., inst. to Vic. of **Dunden**, vacated by Vicar entering religion in St. John's Hospital, Bridgewater. Pat., Prebendary Hothum. Same date. Inst.

Bp. to all men. Cancels (with consents) the **suit** of Jo. de Keynsham, Clerk, v. R. de Hale, Rect. of Chew, in *re* pension. Revocatio Processus, &c.
Westbury, Dec. 16, 1328.

MEM.—**Will. Brown**, Clerk, inst. Rect. of **Lampat**, vice Tho., deceased. Pat., Abbess of Godstow.[a] Inst.
Banwell, 15 Kal. Dec.

[a] How the Abbess acquired and lost this patronage does not appear. In Valor Hen. VIII she owns a rent of 13*s.* 4*d.* in L., but nothing more. The manor was part of Ditcheat in Saxon times, and as such belonged to Glaston.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

Will. de Solers de Halsted, Pr., inst. Rect. of **Charlton Musgrobe**, vice Phil. Halsted, resigned. Pat. Jo. de Bures, Lord of Botyngton. Same date. Inst.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

MEM.—**Will. de Chewton**, Pr., inst. Vic. of **Mudford**, vice Roger, resigned. Pat., D. and C. 18 Kal. Dec. Inst.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

MEM.—Bp. **granted for life** to his Valett, Jo. Betevile, for his services, the tenement late Adam the Cook's, in Yatton, at 12*s.* per ann. Evercreech, 2 Ed. III. Carta.

Fol. 300*b*.

Confirmatio Cantariae.

Bp. confirms after Inspeximus, the Agreement[a] drawn in 1301, between **Geoffry Samuel** and his son, Will., with the Prioress of Mynchin Buckland, touching Divine Service in **Chapel of Lokynton Court,** viz., the Vicar of Kilmersdon to celebrate in consideration[b] of land held of Lokyngton Manor by Prioress, and 1 quarter of corn payable to Vicar at Michaelmas.

[a] Transcribed by Hugo, "Nunneries," p. 223; *see* also p. 35, *et alibi*. Kilmersdon (*writ* Kynemersdon) was a Rectory appropriated to the Priory.

[b] *i.e.*, spiritual offices were to stand in lieu of manorial services.

Convent of Barrow to Bp. Prioress Agnes being dead, Basilia de Sutton is elected Prioress. Nov. 11, 1328.

(*French.*)

Petition of Convent to Sir Jo. (lege Thomas) de Berkeleye, Patron, to accept Basilia, the Prioress elect.

Confirmatio Electionis de Barwe.

Bp., dispensing with full processes, because of poverty of House, **confirms election,** on condition of patron consenting, and supplies defects, if any, by his authority.

Full form of Confirmation and of Prioress's Profession given in Hugo, pp. 18–19.

Fol. 301*a*.

Inst.

MEM.—**Will. Rosemund,** Clerk, Acol., inst. Rect. of **Creinton.** Pat., Glastonbury Abbey. One year's study. 3 Kal. Oct., 1328.

Ind.

Archd. Wells.

Def. Nat.

MEM.—**Bp.** dispensed in full with illegitimacy of Robt. Fitzurse, and tonsured him. Wyveliscombe, 7 Kal. Oct.

Pro Clerico in formâ Paup.

Bp. to his Official. "Robt. de la Diche, of Strengston, poor Clerk, being fastened on **Montacute Priory** by Papal **Provision,** enforce inquiry on the Priory, and see to his claims."

Blackford, 8 Id. Sept., 1328.

See new commission in Oct., fol. 301*b*.

Three like mandates to Archd of Wells. Same date.

Walter de Leigh, Clerk, being absolved by Papal Penitentiary from excommunication incurred for violence to a Priest, and making satisfaction to the injured man, as assigned by Bp., is certificated by Bp. 3 Non. Oct. Penitentiae Injunctio.

Bp. to all Tenants, Bailiffs, &c., within Bishopric. Canon Eston and Nic. de Wedergrave are empowered to audit all accounts, and to make extents (surveys), and to hold courts and hundreds, failing the Stewards. Kingsbury, Oct. 11, 2 Ed. III. Comm.

Fol. 301*b*.

Tho. de Erle (*i.e.*, Erleigh), Clerk, inst. Rect. of Babcary, vice R. de Montfort. Pat., Jo. de Erlegh, Kt. 12 Kal. Nov., 1328. Inst.

Archd. of Wells. Ind.

To Hugh de Bourton, Rect. of Penne, for three years' service of Mary, daughter of late King. Lic. absent.

i.e., Ed. I. She took the veil at Amesbury.

MEM.—Bp. wrote King for seizure of the excommunicate Rob. de Stalbridge, jun. Regia Captio.

Bp., as Probisor for Robt. Sprot of Coker, poor Clerk, fastened on Bath Priory, commissions his Official and two Canons to execute Papal orders.

Odstock by Sarum, 11 Kal. Nov.

Fol. 302*a*.

Formula of Profession made by Prioress of Barrow. Obedientia.

See Hugo, p. 83.

Bp. to Nich. de Cruk, of Erchfont, parish Pr., collating him to Chantry founded by Archd. R. de Wamberg, if tenable by foundation-deed, for which *see* fol. 302*b*. Coll. Cantariae.

Banwell, Non. Dec., 1328.

D. and C. Ind.

Licence to Baldwin Malet and wife to hear mass "in Camerâ suâ." 4 Id. Dec. Lic. audiend Missam.

No place specified.

Def. Nat. Full dispensation to Jo., son of Roger de Aulâ, Clerk, illegitimate. Banwell, 14 Kal. Jan.

Admissio. **Will. de Wer,** inst. Vic. of **Barton** (St. David's). Pat., Prebendary of Barton. Same date.

Archd. Wells.

Inst. **Jo. Sweyn** of Cirencester, Pr., inst. to Chapel of **Standerwick,** vice Honykod, deceased (exchanged fol. 305). Pat., Cirencester Abbey as Rect. of Frome. London, Feb. 13, 1328.

Ind. Archd. Wells.

Fol. 302*b*.

Inst. **Ralph de Wendych,** Pr., inst. Vic. of **Tickenham.** Pat., St. August. Abbey, Bristol. Same date.

Archd. Bath.

Ordinatio Cantariae. **Indenture** between Bp. and D. and C., **settling the Chantry,** revived and enlarged by Archd. R. de Wamberg, who recovered 10 mks. rent-charge on lands at Middleton (Milton Puddimore), and charged 5 mks. on Rectory of Barrow, impropriated to him.

Regulations.—Two Priest-Vicars, nominated by Archd., to celebrate daily for the souls of the Bps. Bytton, of Provost Bytton, and of the Bps. of Wells and Canons at the wonted Altar. A third Chaplain to celebrate daily for the Bp., Archd., and Dean, and for Emmoline and Letitia, and specially, (in gratitude for his labours in appropriating Berrow Rectory &c.) for Archd. W., at an Altar to be dedicated "in honorem corporis et sanguinis Christi"; and meanwhile at St. Martin's Altar. This Chaplain to be collated by Bp.; is not to be a Vicar; is to be removable by Dean. Special ritual; collects varying each day of week. Banwell, 5 Id. Sept., 1328.

Confirmed by Bath Chapter Id. Sept., and by the Archd. 17 Kal. Oct.

Fol. 303*a*.

Hen. de Fulham, Pr., collated to **Stall**, late Bedwynd's, deceased. Chew, Dec. 27, 1328. Coll. Canon.

Dean. Inst.

Hen. de Sutton, Pr., inst. Vic. of **Merston Magna**. Pat., Polslo Priory. Hartley, 19 Kal. Feb.

Archd. Wells. Ind.

Hen. de Lutleton inst. Rect. of **Spaxton**. Pat., Jo. Fychet. Dogmersfield, 16 Kal. Feb. Inst.

Archd. Taunt. One year's study granted and litt. dim. for Acolite's orders. Ind.

Nuncio's Receipt to Bp. for **Peter-pence** of the Diocese, 1328, £11 5*s*., "in quibus ratione episcopatus tenebatur." London, Feb. 3, 1328. Acquietancia.

MEM.—Two Friars of Bristol substituted for two others. London, Non. Feb. Admissio Fratrum.

MEM.—Rect. of Chew (Hale) paid to Bp. 8 mks. 10*s*. to be paid over to Jo. de Keynsham, Clerk, who has sued for it. London, Candlemas, 1328. Acquietancia.

Bp. to Archd. of Wells. "**Tho. Dryst**, Clerk, is nominated by Bath Priory as Rect. of **Cameleye**; sift the certificate "de vacatione," examine him "in literaturâ," and if approved, inst. and induct." London, 15 Kal. March, 1328. Comm.

See fol. 305*a*.

Fol. 303*b*.

Bp. to Canon Martel and two Incumbents, Collectors of Tenth of Benefices granted by Clergy of Diocese for **Canonization** of Bp. de Marchiâ, &c.:—to admonish defaulters, and proceed to censures. London, 15 Kal. March. Comm. pro Decimâ levandâ.

Lic. MEM.—Laurence le Pyl, Rector of Crewkerne, licensed for one year's service of Hugh de Courteney, Kt. (his patron).
London, 8 Kal. March.

(*French.*) **Bp.'s Bond** to Adam de Exeter, citizen of London, to pay £100 by instalments. **Bp. pawns his mitre** of gold and precious stones, six kinds being specified.
London, Feb. 23, 3rd of Ed III.

(*French.*) **Bond of Adam,** "dit. Burgoyne, de Londres," to return the mitre and acquit Bp. on receipt of 115 mks. within three weeks of Easter. London, Feb. 25.

MEM.—**John de Hampton,** Lord of **Badgworth,** licensed to choose a **confessor** for one year. Same date.

Fol. 304*a*.

[*Three old numberings all struck out.*]

Lit. pro Univ. Oxon. **Bp. to Archd. and Official.** Great praise of University. Her privileges endangered by Laity, as evidenced to Bps. in late Council of London. The Bps., wishing to save her from dispersion and ruin, **bid you urge** all regulars and seculars in your Archdeaconries to **aid with money.**
London, 11 Kal. March, 1328.

Conventio. Indenture between Bp. and Canon Bourne of Lincoln, Proctor of Lincoln in Roman Curia, to act as the **Bp.'s Proctor,** at 40*s*. per ann. London, March 4, 1328.

Acquietancia. Receipt of 40*s*., prepaid salary, from Canon Bourne.
London, 3 Kal. March.

Comm. de Purgat. MEM.—**Bp. appointed his Official** and three Canons to **purge** Jo. Pyl, Clerk, imprisoned in Bp.'s prison at Wells. Same date.

Comm. sup. Permut. **Bp. to Roger, Bp. Sarum,** in *re* **Exchange** of **Standerwick** Rectory and Shrivenham Vicarage.
Stockwell, Kal. March, 1328.

Fol. 304*b*.

Bp. to Robt. de Stonor, Clerk, son of the nobleman Sir Jo. de S., **collating** him to Charlton's **Stall,** because likely to be *in future* "fructuosus ecclesiæ, gratus nobis." Same date. Coll. Preb.

Dean to instal.

MEM.—**Roger de Acton Burnel,** inst. Rect. of **Buckland S. Mary,** vice Rich. Molyns, resigned. Pat., Margaret de Meriet, "ratione dotis." Same date. Inst.

Archd. Taunt. End.

NOTARIAL.—**Bp.'s Proxy** to Canon Bourne in **Rom. Curia,** cancelling other Proxies. Test., Canon Wamberg and two Clerks. In Chapel of Banwell Manor, Dec. 19. Procurat. in Cur. Rom.

Letters granted by Bp. of Winton to seven sons of Will. Husee of Mickleham, "literatis," to seek minor orders. Lit. dim.

MEM.—Bp. **tonsured** three of them, First Sunday in Lent. Prima tons.

Fol. 305*a*.

MEM.—**Robt. de Molyns,** Pr., inst. Vic. of **Bp.'s Lydeard.** Pat., D. and C. Stoke by Guildford, 15 Kal. April. Inst.

Dean. End.

John de Tanton, Pr., inst. Vic. of **North Curry.** Pat., D. and C. Dogmersfield, 10 Kal. April. Inst.

Dean. End.

MEM.—Presentee's **Protest, before Institution,** to save his right of retreat to his Vicarship in Wells, if evicted by Papal Provision. Protestatio.

Test., Precentor and two Canons, and J. de Hampton, Monk of Bath, and others.

John de Hampton, Pr., inst. Vic. of Berrow. Pat., Archd. of Wells. Same date. Inst.

Archd. Wells. End.

Sequest. MEM.—Estate of Rich., Rect. of East Quantockshead, deceased, sequestrated for Procurations due to Bp., upon dedication of the Altar. Same date.

Inst. Tho. dict. Drist, Clerk, inst. and inducted Rect. of Cameley by Archd. of Wells as Commissary "ad hoc" (fol. 303*a*). Pat., Bath Priory. April, 1328.

Inst. MEM.—Rich. Biton, Pr., inst. Rect. of Standerwick Chapel by Bp. of Sarum. Pat., Cirencester Abbey, as Rectors of Frome. Sunning, 9 Kal. April, 1328–29.

Ind. Archd. Wells.

Inst. MEM.—Geoffry de Edyngton, Pr., inst. Vic. of Dunden, vice Roger, resigned. Pat., Prebendary of Dunden. 2 Kal. April, 1329.

Ind. Dean.

Fol. 305*b*.

Carta. Lease from Bp., for seven years, to Adam Bidick, of the lands which John Dacres lately bequeathed (*i.e.*, a lease of eight years) to Bp., under A. B., in Cookham, Berks. Dogmersfield, F. of Annunc., 3 Ed. III.

Test., Marshall and Popham, Knts., and four others.

Apparently Bp. had acquired Dacres' holding under A. B., and now restores the seven unexpired years to A. B. D. was a dependent (*see* fol. 305*b*) whom the Bp. had probably accommodated with money.

Comm. pro reddit. Bp.'s Proxy to Jo. de St. Nich., armiger, for receiving rent (200 mks.) due from Hexham Priory. Dogmersfield, April 5, 1329.

Inst. Andrew Luttrel, Clerk, inst. Rect. of E. Quantoxhead. Pat., Alex. Luttrell, Kt. Dogmersfield, 5 Id. April.

Ind. Archd. Taunton.

Presentee swore before two Canons and two Chaplains to study diligently in an English University.

MEM.—**Robt.** de Rues (Ros), Priest-Vicar, **collated** to an **Annale** celebrated in Lady Chapel for Bp. Bytton, First; also restored to Priorship of St. Mary's Altar which he had surrendered. Dogmersfield, 2 Id. April. **Coll.**

MEM.—**Adam de Brente,** Clerk, inst. Rect. of **Cossington,** vice Rich. Malet, deceased. Pat., Robt. de Brente, Kt. One year's study granted. Dogmersfield, 12 Kal. May, 1329. **Inst.**

Archd. Wells. **Ind.**

Fol. 306*a*.

MEM.—**Bp. to D. and C.** "Tho. de Trillek having obtained, by Papal Provision, the Prebend of Yatton, must receive full possession." Dogmersfield, 12 Kal. May, 1329. **Lit. direct. D. & C. pro Preb. de Yatton.**

i.e., in spite of its being canonically filled.

MEM.—The Bps. of Winton and Worcester (Adam Orlton) assured the Bp. that Alan de Conesburgh would be removed from the Stall by them as executors of the Papal Provision, and without cost to Bp. Bp. of Winton begs Bp. not to hinder the Bp. of Worcester's nephew (*i.e.*, Trillek) from getting possession.

Letters granted to four Incumbents (all of good family) to enable them to rise a step in the ministry. **Lit. Dim.**

Bp.'s Grant to **Robt. de Burgh,** Burgess of Wells, of villeinage-holdings, late Garslade's, in Wells manor, for life, at 10*s.* per annum; also of John Dacres' holding in Souther-Garslade. Wyveliscombe, Oct., 2 Ed. III. **Carta.**

Test., Jo. de Columbers, Jo. de Clyveden, Jo. de Erlee, Knts.; with five other names of squires or chaplains.

Bp. to all men, &c. "**Sir Rich. de Cyberney,** Kt., having assigned house and lands in Lymington to John Fychet, Chaplain, to celebrate daily for members[a] of his family, under **Ordinatio Cant. Lymington.**

[a] The list given opens a full view of the family connection, and of the failure of male heirs. Collinson, iii, 118, records this deed, which is notable for its endeavour to settle friendly co-operation between the Rector and the Chantry-Priest, whose scant duties tended to make him intrusive.

Mortmain Licence from King Edward III, and having petitioned us to confirm and regulate, **We,** by consent of our chapters and advice of experts, **annex the lands** (now in frank-almoigne) **to a perpetual Chaplaincy.** Chaplain to be presented to Bp., after Founder's death, by Henry Power, and heirs. Lapse after a month to Wells Chapter, then to Bp.

Particulars of ritual. Founder to find missal, chalice, vestments, and ornaments of altar; the Chaplain all else, and to pay 12*d.* Procuration to Archd. for yearly visitation of chantry. At Ascension-tide, the Rector and Chaplain to join in service. Chaplain on that day to pay 6*d.* to Rector, 2*d.* to Clerk, 1*d.* 'publico pro animabus parochianorum[a] deprecatori, pro laboribus,' and 10*s.* worth of bread to poor. Chaplain to be always resident, and present at matins, masses, and all canonical hours celebrated in the Church, to hand over oblations, and to swear fealty to Rector." Dogmersfield, 4 Kal. May, 1329.

[a] This office of bidding the prayers for benefactors was committed, I conceive, not to a special bedel, but to one of the parochial staff. It was a general custom.

Fol. 306*b*.

Inst. **Bp. to Jo. Fychet,** Pr., **instituting** him to **Chaplaincy,** after oath to observe the ordinance. Dogmersfield, 6 Non. May.

Archd. Wells to induct.

Ordinatio Cant. **Bp. endows a Chantry** in the Cathedral at the Altar nearest[b] to where his grave may be, with rent of house (by Horsepool Lane) and other lands in Wells, late Odilla's, wife of the fisherman, payable to Stephen de Kyngston, Pr., collated for life to celebrate daily for the soul of Bp., Dean Godley, and Odilla's kindred. D. and C. to nominate chaplains, with month's lapse to Bp. Chalice and vestments given by Bp. to be

[b] He was buried at the entrance of St. Katherine's Chap., where his tomb, shorn of its canopy, now stands, distinguished by his family arms blazoned on the spandrils of the niches.

in chaplain's charge, and renewed by him, with other "onera." This deed to be writ "in martilogiò."[a]

Dogmersfield, March 17, 1328–29.

[a] Short for "martyrologium," *i.e.*, the List of Services due to the Departed, kept in every collegiate and many parish churches.

MEM.—**Phil. de Bathon,** inst. Vic. of **Frome,** by exchange for **North Stoke.** Dogmersfield, 8 Id. May, 1329. Archd. Wells. Inst. Ind.

Will de Draghton, late Vic. of Frome, inst. Rect. of **N. Stoke.** Pat., Bath Abbey. Same date.

Bp. died at Dogmersfield, May 9, 1329.

The remaining entries were made, "sede vacante," when the Abp.'s officers were administering the spiritualties.

Institutions made by Vicar-General of Canterbury, as Guardian of Spiritualties, "vacante sede."

Robt. de la Zor, to free Chapel de la Wyke. Pat., Muchelney Abbey. Wells, June 26.

Nich. de Fyfehede, Acol., to Rect. of Litton. Pat., Prebendary of Litton. Same date.

John Farman, to Rect. of Croscombe. Pat., Elias Cotele, Kt. Same date.

Roger de Fitzpayne, to Rect. of East Lydford. Pat., Will. de Reigni. Same date.

Rich. de Middleton, Clerk, to Rect. of Charlton Makerel. Collated by Abp. through lapse. Same date.

Hen. Pieris, to Rect. of Allydeford (Alford). Pat., Jo. de Ratt (or Katt). July.

Mylo de Monyton, to Vic. of Backwell Portion. Pat., St. John's Hospital, Bristol. Same date.

No Archd. specified in the Inductions.

Fol. 307.

[*Originally blank. A later hand has inserted two Royal Writs.*]

I. Touching suit for debt.

II. Admonishing Bp. Ralph to pay Rich. de Barwe, King's Clerk, a pension, as promised, until beneficed. 3 Ed. III.

In dorso, in hand of Hen. VII's time—

The Content of the Levis (Leaves) that bith in this boke, bith 295.

FINIS.

ADDENDA.—LICENCES TO STUDY.

[*Omitted from Text.*]

These Dispensations were issued by Bps. under a Constitution of Pope Boniface VIII, called for (1) by the ignorance of the Clergy and by the instituting of minors into parochial cures, (2) the absence of any system of clerical training, and (3) the limitation of books to learned centres.

These entries are so numerous, that after fol. 154 I determined to extract them in separate list, which will show that they often refer to same person.

The Licence is sometimes contained in the Entry of Institution or Induction, and if so, not extracted in this list.

Fol. 155*a*.	To Rect. of Weston sup. Mare ...	1 yr.	Nov., 1317
„ 155*b*.	„ Lamyatt, Acol. Subject to appointing Proctor, and distributing Alms at Bp.'s discretion...	„	„
„ 157*a*.	To Rect. of Fytington (Anselm). Subject to same conditions ...		1317
„ „	To Rect. of Spaxton. Special wording recorded in the Calendar ...	„	„
„ 157*b*.	To Rect. of Perrott	„	„
„ „	„ Nettlecombe (Raleigh)		„
„ 158*a*.	„ Chiselborough (Balme). At instance of Henry Clyf, late Incumbent...	„	„
„ 158*b*.	To Rect. of Horsington (Astley), for 2 yrs., "quia est in legendo volumine civilis juris"...		1317–18
„ 160*b*.	To Rect. of Brompton Ralph (Fitzurse)	„	1320
„ 162*b*.	To Rect. of Kelston (Stak)... ...	„	„
„ 163*a*.	„ Seavington (Grandon). At request of Queen, and for her service	„	„
„ „	To Rect. of Cucklington (Hildebrand)	„	„
„ „	To Rect. of Chapel of Corscomb(?) (Fitzpayne). At request of Lady of Churchill (probably Fitzpayne)	„	„
„ „	To Rect. of Selworthy (Deneys) ...	„	„
„ 163*b*.	„ Crowcombe (Lavington)	„	„

Fol. 163*b*.	To Rect. of Yeovilton (Harpham)...	1 year	1320
„ 164*b*.	„ Beckington (Wroxhale)	„	„
„ 165*a*.	„ Chew (Borlegh) ...	„	„
„ „	„ Hemington[a] (Hugh . . .)	„	„
„ 165*b*.	„ Bere (Bere)	„	„
„ „	„ Creech (Bokland). Absence 9 months for lawful cause...	9 mos.	„
„ „	To Rect. of Oke (Ford)	1 year	„
„ „	„ Henton Monach. (Hegh)	„	„
„ 171*a*.	„ Compton Martin (Canon Delabarre), and if admitted regent, or docent, 2 yrs. for teaching ...	1 year	1321
„ 172*a*.	To Rect. of Donyate (Upton), licence to lease benefice 2 yrs.	„	„
„ 172*b*.	To Rect of Bradford (Savage) ...	„	„
„ 176*a*.	„ Kingsbury (Pyk) ...	„	„
„ „	„ Saltford (Chu) ...	„	„
„ 176*b*.	„ Dowlish Wake (Poton)	„	„
„ „	„ Curry Malet (Poynz) ...	„	„
„ „	„ Bradford (Savage) ...	„	„
„ 177*a*.	„ Overstowey(Horseleigh), on account of slender income, 1 yr. study or stay among friends ...	„	„
„ 177*b*.	To Rect. of Cucklington(Hildebrand)	„	„
„ 178*a*.	„ Wortelynton (? Writhlington) (Wm.)	„	„
„ „	To Rect. of Henton Mon. (Le Haut or High, *see* 1320)	„	„
„ 178*b*.	To Rect. of Selworthy (Tho.) ...	„	„

[a] For study in Oxon, from Dec. to St. Peter ad Vinc., subject to visiting his flock 15 continuous days in Lent for confessions.

Fol. 178*b*.	To Rect. of Stratton-on-Fosse (Gurnay)	1 year	1321	
„ 179*a*.	To Rect. of Exton (Walter), to lease benefice	„	„	
„ 181*a*.	To Rect. of Lympsham (Thisleton), Pr.	2 years	„	
„ 182*b*.	To Rect. of Exford (Perceval) ...	1 year	„	
„ 186*a*.	„ Sth. Bradon (John) ...	„	1322	
„ „	„ Butleigh (Cnolton) ...	2 years	„	
„ 186*b*.	„ Portishead (Bradford) ...	1 year	„	
„ „	„ Goathurst (Brown) ...	„	„	
„ „	„ Compton Martin (Canon Delabarre), lic. to proceed and teach in Canon Law	2 years	1322	*Two entries.*
„ 187.	To Rect. of Donyate (Upton) ...	1 year	„	
„ 189*b*.	„ Saltford (John)... ...	„	„	
„ 190*a*.	„ Curry Malet (Poynz) ...	„	„	
„ „	To Robt. de Beauchamp (? beneficed)	„	„	
„ 190*b*.	To Rect. of High Ham (Langelond), Pr., for study of Law in Rom. Curia and for business of Wells Church	„	„	
„ „	To Rect. of Bradford (Savage) ...	„	„	
„ „	„ Closworth, to lease benefice to neighbouring Rect. ...	„	„	
„ „	To Rect. of Cucklington (Hildebrand)	„	„	
„ 191*a*.	„ Orchard (Emeric), on condition of saying 100 Psalters for soul of Bp. and of all the faithful	„	„	
„ „	To Rect. of Kyngsdon (Pyk), on like conditions	„	„	

Fol. 194*b*.	To Rect. of Quantockshead ...	1 year		1322
„ 195*a*.	„ Cucklington (Hildebrand)	„		„
„ „	To Rect. of Brean (Garb)	„		„
„ 197*a*.	„ Skilgate (W.), in Theology or Canon Law ...	„		„
„ 199*a*.	To Rect. of Stocklynch (Thok) ...	„		1323
„ 199*b*.	„ Rimpton (Lillingston), to visit flock in Lent.			
„ 201*a*.	To Rect. of Compton M. (Delabarre)	„		„
„ „	„ Charlcombe (Oliver) ...	„		„
„ „	„ Curry Malet (Melplach)	„		„
„ „	„ Orchard (Emeric) ...	„		„
„ „	„ Donyat (Upton) ...	„		„
„ 206*a*.	„ Kingsdon (Pyk) ...	„		„
„ „	„ Bradford (Savage) ...	„		„
„ 206*b*,	„ Closworth (Delamere)...	„		„
„ „	„ Butleigh (Cnolton), "trans mare"	„		„
„ 207*a*.	To Rect. of Claverton (Frankleyn)...	„		„
„ „	„ Breon (Barbe)	„		„
„ „	„ Perrott (Pytneye) ...	„		„
„ 208*a*.	„ Overstowey, Pr. (Horseleigh), "causâ audiendi canones."	„		„
„ 215*b*.	To Rect. of Saltford (John)... ...	„		„
„ „	„ Kyngsdon (Pyk) ...	„		1324
„ 216*a*.	„ Claverton (Frankleyn)...	„		1323
„ 220*a*.	„ Badgworth (Hampton), the Bp. to distribute alms out of revenue	„		1324
„ 231*a*.	To Rect. of Donyate (Upton) ...	„		„

Fol 231*a*.	To Rect. of Compton Martin (Delabarre), Doctor of Decrees "ut legat in Decretis"	1 year	1324
„ 232*b*.	To Rect. of Maperton (Wedergrave)	„	„
„ 233.	„ High Ham (Walweyn)	„	„
„ „	„ Rimpton (Lillington) ...	„	„
„ 234*a*.	„ Seavington St. Mich. (Attemede)	„	„
„ „	To Rect. of Closworth (Delamore)...	„	1324–25
„ 236*b*.	„ Brean (Barbe)	„	„
„ „	„ W. Coker (de la Vigne)	„	„
„ 237*b*.	„ Claverton (Frankleyn)...	„	„
„ „	„ Uphill (Kynemersford), for service of Lady Emeline de Longespee	1 year	1324–25
„ „	To Rect. of Saltford (Jo. de Chew)	„	„
„ „	„ Seavington St. Mich. (Attemede), with license to lease for 2 yrs.	„	„
„ 238*a*.	To Rect. of Butleigh (Cnolton) ...	„	„

After this date I have omitted these Licences. Enough have been extracted to show their prevalence and their mischief. In Jan., 1323–24, the Bp issued Instructions to his Official (*see* fol. 214*b*) to examine the Licencees touching their places of resort and their studies, with power to cancel the abused dispensations. The Bp asserted that great abuse prevailed, but the system seems to have received no check.

Appendix A.

TERMS NEEDING EXPLANATION, WHETHER OBSOLETE OR USED IN SPECIAL SENSES.

ALTELAGE = Altarage—The oblations of whatever kind made upon the Altars of a Church. The vicarage-endowment-deed always apportioned them to the rector or vicar, as deemed best.

APPROPRIATION or Impropriation—The grant by Bp or Pope of a Rectory to an ecclesiastical body "in proprios usus," in perpetuity, the spiritual duties being assigned to a resident vicar.

CATHEDRATICUM or Cathedrale—An ancient and undefined right reserved in charters to the Cathedral in Wells (and to other Cathedrals), probably in aid of Fabric.

COMMENDA—The committal of a vacant church or office to temporary care for a period of 6 months.

CLERK—Used, not as now, for all ranks of the Clergy, but only for the lowest.

DISTRAINT—An order attaching goods under pain of seizure in case of eventual disobedience.

DE CAMERA, De scrinio, De archivis—Private funds (how distinguished from one another does not appear), on which the Bp frequently made charges in favour of retainers, ceasing with his own life.

FAMILIARIS—Applied to knights, chaplains, and others about the Bp's person.

INQUISITIO—An official inquiry for ascertainment of facts; or the jurors' verdict. The R. D. Chapters were habitually used by the Bp for such inquests, just as the Hundred-courts by the Sheriff.

JUDEX UNICUS or Papal Judex—Bps and Abbots often received special commissions from Rome to hear special cases, with power to override all local jurisdiction and appeal short of Rome.

OFFICIAL—One who wields the office of Judge, whether deputed by Bp or some minor prelate. The modern Chancellor of the Consistory is the Bp's Official principal, plus the Vicar-generalship.

ORDINATIO—An authoritative settlement, *e.g.*, the apportionment of a vicar's endowment.

PAROCHIANUS—Any member of the Diocese; used in the earlier sense of "parochia" when imported by Abp Theodore to express the area of a Bp's oversight.

PORTIONIST—The incumbent of one moiety of a benefice, like Backwell, where the advowson, like the manor, had been parted by co-heiresses, but with only one Church.

PRIOR—The head or leader of any aggregate body, *e.g.*, of the chaplains of the Lady Chapel, Wells.

POSSESSIONER—A pluralist or other person found in questionable possession of a benefice, and challenged to show title; sometimes stamped as "detentor."

REQUESTÆ—Masses or other offices celebrated by the priest, upon individual request, and so entitling him to gratuity (pp. 263, 270).

SERVIENS—When connected with Miles, a Squire.

STUDIUM GENERALE—A place or a system of general education. The term University applied in the middle ages to any aggregate body, academic or not.

THESAURARIA, NOSTRA
———— ECCLESIÆ NOSTRÆ } A strong-room for keeping the diocesan muniments, apparently within the Cathedral, under charge of Chapter.

Appendix B.

HOUSES BELONGING TO THE SEE.

WELLS—The only one called "The Palace," and this was sometimes designated "Manerium."

BATH—The Abbot's Lodgings before the annexation of the Abbey to the See in 1092.

LONDON—In the Strand near Temple-gate. It was called "Hospitium."

MANORIAL houses, kept in readiness for residence:

Wookey.	Claverton.
Westbury.	Wellington.
Blackford.	Wyveliscombe.
Banwell.	Kingsbury.
Congresbury.	Evercreech.
Yatton.	Dogmersfield, Hants.
Chew.	

It does not appear whether the manor houses at Cheddar, Cranmore, and Bathampton were kept fit for residence.

In those enumerated there was room for the Bp's retinue. In most of them was a Hall and Chapel.

The Bp had private houses in Surrey, Hants, and Kent, viz., at Wanton, Rockborne, Weyhill, Stockwell, West Greenwich, from all of which many documents are dated.

Appendix C.

BISHOP'S OFFICIALS AND OTHER OFFICERS.

OFFICIALS—Canon Antony Bradney	... ...	1309
Canon Richard de Ford	... ...	1317
Wm. de Edington[a]	... ...	1321
Robt. de Wamberg	... ...	1323
Laurence de la Barre	... ...	1327

[a] The Chapter petitioned for his removal 1321 as the "causa litis" between them and Bp.

DEAN OF WELLS—John Godley 1305–1332

ARCHDEACONS OF WELLS—

T. Charlton	1304–1326
Wybert Lyttelton, who exchanged at once with	
Robt. de Wamberg	1326–1329

ARCHDEACON OF BATH—

Henry of Sandwych	1309–1333

ARCHDEACONS OF TAUNTON—

Henry de Shavington	1308–132c
Rob. Hereward	1320-1332

ABBOTS OF GLASTONBURY—

John of Taunton...	1274–1290–1
John of Kent	1290–1303–4
Geoffry Fromond	1303–1323–4
Adam de Sodbury	1324–1337

The cotemporary POPES and ARCHBISHOPS were—

Clement V, 1308. John XXII, 1316.

Walter Reynolds, 1308. Simon Mepham, 1328.

Appendix D.

AIDS TO CATHEDRAL FABRIC, WELLS.

These were contributed (1) by the Bp, (2) by Members of Chapter, (3) by Churchmen of the Diocese.

1. By handing over Fees for Licenses of Non-residence, &c., 1315, p. 95.
   By handing over half his Visitation Fees, 1325, p. 261.
   By confirming his Predecessors' grants of revenue of vacant benefices.
   By granting Indulgence to stimulate Diocesan collection.

2. By levying a percentage on all the prebendal Stalls.

3. By general response to Bp's Appeal.
   By bequests and payment of Cathedraticum. } Collected by St. Andrew's Guild. *See* Lib. Alb., i, 168.
   By percentage on benefices granted in some of the R. D. Chapters.

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ILLUSTRATIVE FACTS FROM ARCHER'S "CHRONICON" (*PENES CAPITULUM*).

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227. Bp's Visitation (primary?) still going on 1313

30. Hinton St. George, Prior of St. Bartholomew's, London, excommunicated for invading Episcopal rights 1311

235. Fines for Non-residence granted by Bp to Campanile of Cathedral 1315

238. Three Members of Chapter sent to Lincoln Parliament ... .. —

241. King repays the 500 mks. advanced out of subsidy in hands of Chapter as Sub-collectors 1316

— Rich. de Cnolton charged by Provision on Glastonbury Abbey, as a poor Clerk [*see* Drok., 102, for his Institution to Butleigh] ... —

248. The Chapter complain of Bp's grants of property both to great and lesser men 1319

249. John Clevedon, s. of Sir Matthew, married Maria de Drokensford, with dowry in Shipham ... ... —

252. Tax of Farthing per mk. imposed on Clerus of Diocese in aid of Oxford University 1320

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256. Chapter petition Bp to remove his official (Edyngdon), who has been the chief "causa litis" between them 1321

259. Council of London ratified Oxford privileges granted by Co. of Reading, 1279 (*see* Drok., 230) 1323

261. Bp grants half his Visitation Fees to the "Novum Opus" of Cathedral 1325

262. The Yelmore dispute[a] with Glastonbury Abbey brought into King's Court, and there referred to Arbitration (Lib. Alb., i, 185, for Award, 1327) 1327

[a] Bp D. tried to treat this purely secular strife as a sacrilege, p. 278.

Appendix F.

RESERVED BENEFICES.

The Pope's reservation of vacant benefices is noted on p. 118 as beginning on Dec. 8, 1316. On p. 147 is given a schedule of benefices kept vacant for the Pope's benefit from Dec., 1316, to Dec., 1319, with their value as assessed in 1292. At the last date they amounted to 46.

There was also a *temporary* reservation of First-fruits, which is noted as *ending* in Nov., 1319, p. 138; but in March, 1319–20, the Bp forwards the schedule of vacant benefices to the Pope's collector of First-fruits, as if he had become a permanent officer.

The impost became permanent. It was transferred to the Crown by Hen. VIII, and conferred by Queen Anne on the Bounty Board, which she created for the augmentation of benefices.

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